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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.00	10.15	1.15	2.31	3.20	4.30	5.40	7.25								
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.49			9.25	10.08	10.18	1.21			4.39	5.46	7.43								
Shatin Dep.	7.01			9.38	10.30	10.32	1.33			4.50	6.00	7.55								
Tai Po Dep.	7.15			9.53	10.33	10.45	1.48			5.04	6.13	8.06								
Tai Po Market Dep.	7.30			10.10	10.47	10.57	2.02			5.18	6.27	8.19								
Fanning Dep.	7.30			10.10	10.47	10.57	2.02			5.18	6.27	8.19								
Shum-chun Dep.	7.25			10.15	10.55	1.02	2.07	3.08		5.23	6.32	8.26								
Shum-chun Arr.	7.41	8.45		9.13	10.21	10.58	1.08	2.13	3.15	4.00	5.59	6.38	8.31							
Canton Arr.																				

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.
Canton Dep.				8.10									3.25							
Shum-chun Dep.	7.17	8.03	10.34	11.27	11.47	2.53	4.39	5.47	6.42	7.07										
Shum-chun Arr.	7.25	8.11	10.43		11.55	3.01	4.48	5.54		7.14										
Fanning Dep.	7.30	8.15	10.47		12.00	3.05	4.53	5.58												
Tai Po Market Dep.	7.40	8.25	10.57		12.11	3.17	5.00	6.06												
Tai Po Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.01		12.15	3.22	5.04	6.13												
Shatin Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.14		12.30	3.38	5.17	6.26												
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.26		12.43	3.48	5.29	6.38												
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.32	12.07	12.48	3.54	5.35	6.44	7.22	7.49										

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London (U.P.).—The hope that
future men will be arrested for
allowing their "thinking waves"
to clash with others, was expressed
by Professor A. M. Low, the dis-
tinguished British scientist in an
interview with the United Press
correspondent.

"And another thing," added the
professor apparently in dead ear-
nest: "I hope the day will come
when all those who make a noise
will go to jail."

Human beings of future genera-
tions, explained the professor, will
no doubt learn to use the electrical
force that is in their bodies to
transmit waves of thought to one
another.

"Mr. and Mrs. Number One,"

"When this day comes," he con-
tinued, "men will have to be
known by number instead of by
name. And if a man's allotted
"thinking wavelength" is exceeded
by him, then the matter will have
to be brought to the attention of
the police."

Discussing possible inventions of
the future, Professor Low said that
he visualised above anything else
astonishing progress in the science
of wireless.

"The day will come—although I
think it is still far distant—when
we shall learn to convey power by
wireless," he predicted.

This, he said, meant the power to
transmit the simulation of objects
through space by wireless as dif-
ferentiated from the successful at-
tempts of men like John Hays
Hammond to control the movements
of objects at a distance. For in-
stance, he added jocularly, mothers
of the future should be able to send
jam pots containing samples of
their home made produce over the
Atlantic by wireless. Then, "how-
ever," he stated seriously:

"The discovery of wireless power
transmission should enable us to
send through space and at immense
heights, specially designed air-
planes flying by inductive power
supplied by stations many miles
away from them. Thus not only
could they be controlled by wire-
less as were Hammond's experi-
mental wireless ships, but they will
also be moved by radio.

"I think also that the day will
come when we shall be able to move
vehicles along the highways by
means of underground cables con-

nected by induction with some
simple mechanism under the car
to be propelled. Thus we would
have fuelless automobiles, motorless
trams, steamless steam engines
etcetera.

"True the original cost of in-
stalling the cables would no doubt
be high but once completed it would
easily pay for itself. It would, of
course, present a great advantage
over the existing third-rail system
of electric traction in that those
deriving wireless power from the
subterranean cables would not be
restricted to a straight line on the
highway. Besides such a system
would do away with the danger
which live third rails would pre-
sent on a public thoroughfare."

Television Foretold.

Professor Low is famed for his
predictions of the subject of the
future development of science. His
book "The Future," written some
years ago, prophesied many
scientific discoveries which have
since come true and are in common
use despite the fact that at the
time he predicted them, many peo-
ple smiled incredulously. He fore-
cast the invention of wireless tele-
vision and the use of four-wheel
automobiles. Among other things
which were laughed at when he pre-
dicted them were a number of surgical
discoveries which are now in use
in every great surgical centre.

During the war, the professor
served as a major in the Royal Air
Force. He had command of the
Royal Flying Corps experimental
works and in this capacity was
enabled to accomplish work of the
greatest value which, however, in
view of its nature was kept secret.
And already in these days—long be-
fore it was thought of seriously—
he demonstrated television to the
Institute of Automobile Engineers
in London.

"It did not work well. In fact
I think it worked rather badly,"
explained the professor, "never-
theless in those days it was quite
an interesting experiment." Some-
thing which worked "con-
siderably better" than his first
television apparatus was, said the
professor, an "almost diabolical
machine" which he invented dur-
ing his college days. In those days,
he explained, he hated to get up
in the morning, so he devised a
sort of robot which automatically

made him a cup of tea and simul-
taneously pulled the bed clothes off.
"And I often wish that I still
had that machine with me now," he
admitted laughingly.

Slow Motion Camera.

His first serious discovery was
made when he was six years of
age. Already at this time the pro-
fessor's parents had to exert much
patience to control the young
scientist's budding activities with-
out discouraging the obviously in-
ventive trend of his mind. Among
things forbidden were any attempts
by young Low to drill holes through
the walls of the parental home.
This rule seriously interfered
with the boy's ambition to ring a
bell from his room to the next by
means of a string because this
would have meant piercing a parti-
tion. Low finally accomplished his
object by placing a magnet against
his side of the wall which resulted
in a faint tinkling of the bell that
he had placed on the other side.

A number of inventions which
have been successfully marketed in
England and abroad are the result
of Professor Low's work after he
left college. These include an
analytical slow motion camera
enabling students to find the real
speed of a vehicle going at full
speed when photographed but ap-
parently moving extremely slowly
when projected on a screen by the
slow motion camera. Another in-
vention of his is the Oscillographic
Extensometer which enables steel
specimens to be tested and the re-
sult of the test to be conveyed at
a distance.

Ranking among the most valuable
inventions ever introduced to in-
dustrial science is a method of heat
photography by invisible rays
which was discovered by Professor
Low. It is possible by means of
this method to photograph internal
combustion engines when still hot.
This is done by heat rays and is
a practical demonstration of what
modern science can do with infra-
red rays.

Asked whether he believed that
science could solve the problems
of peace, wars and disarmament
for future generations, Professor
Low replied:
"War is a natural process. Life,
after all, is but a fight, ending in
the survival of the fittest. Besides,
crystals fight, dogs fight and even
trees fight. So why shouldn't
men?"

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(May 1.)

May Day.

Quarry Bay School: Spring
Festival, 11 a.m.

Licensing Board Election,
Supreme Court, 4 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Amateur Athletic
Federation, Farewell Dinner to
Chinese Football Team, Kam Ling
Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Iron
Mask."

World Theatre: "London after
Midnight."

Star Theatre: "Let Women
Alone," 5.30 p.m.

Italian Opera Comedy Company:
"Lucia di Lammermoor," Star
Theatre, 8.15 p.m.

Banvard Musical Comedy Co.:
"New Revue," Theatre Royal, 9.15
p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

Thursday.

(May 2.)

M.C.L. and H.K.W.G. Bridge
Party, Taikoo Club.

Queen's Theatre: "The Iron
Mask."

World Theatre: "London after
Midnight."

Star Theatre: "Let Women
Alone," 5.30 p.m.

Italian Opera Co.: "Carmen"

Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

Friday.

(May 3.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting,
Helen May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Military Athletic Meeting, Soo-
kumpoo.

H.K. Football Referees Associa-
tion Meeting, Scandal Point, 6 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The River
Pirate."

World Theatre: "Good Morning
Judge."

Star Theatre: "The Street
Angel," 5.30 p.m.

Italian Opera Co.: "La Bohème,"
Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

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Hwa), Europe via Siberia (Haruna
Maru).

Saturday.

(May 4.)

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.

Military Athletic Meeting, Soo-
kumpoo, 3 p.m.

Tennis:—"A" Division: M.B.K.
v. Hong Kong O.C. Chinese R.C.

Craigengower, South China v.
Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C. v.
Recreio, "B" Division: Kowloon

C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C., R.E. and
R.S. v. Recreio, Nippon Club v.
Y.M.C.A., University v. M.B.K.

"C" Division: R.A.O.C. v. Crai-
gengower, Hong Kong C.C. v. Re-
creio, Civil Service v. Chinese.

Lawn Bowls:—First Division:
Taikoo v. Craigengower, Civil Ser-
vice v. Kowloon C.C., Police v.

Kowloon Dock, Recreio v. Kow-
loon Bowling Green, "Second Divi-
sion: Craigengower v. Taikoo,

Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service,
Kowloon Bowling Green v. Recreio,
Hong Kong Electric v. Yacht Club.

Queen's Theatre: "The River
Pirate."

World Theatre: "Good Morning
Judge."

Star Theatre: "The Street
Angel," 5.30 and 5.30 p.m.

Italian Opera Co.: "Tales of
Hoffman," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Negapatam, papers
(Haruna Maru), Outward: Europe via
Marseilles (Haruna Maru), 9.30
a.m.



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WILLYS-OVERLAND IN STRONG POSI- TION.

STRATEGICAL PLACE IN
INDUSTRY.
2,500 DAILY OUTPUT IN 1929.

The year 1929 finds the Willys-Overland Company in the strongest position in its 21-year history, firmly entrenched in its position of quality leader in the light car field, and prepared to meet every form of competition on a sound basis.

Both from a manufacturing standpoint and from the standpoint of its sales organization, every indication points to 1929 as a new record for the Toledo manufacturer, even surpassing the past twelve months which found Willys-Overland leading the entire automobile industry as a whole in per cent. of gain over 1927.

This remarkable position won by Willys-Overland in 1929 started the first of the year with the drastic Whippet price cuts, which brought the greatest buying demand in the Company's entire history. The sales growth continued throughout the year, and each month saw the company establishing new sales records.

The demand for the Willys-Overland products surpassed the expectations of the executives, and early in the year it was necessary to immediately launch into a programme of expansion that would enable the production of a greater number of cars, each month finding the company with thousands of unfilled orders on its books.

Facilities were added in the various plants of the company in order to materially increase its car-building schedules. This required the erection of plant additions and the installation of additional machinery. As the year wore on the company's daily car capacity was increased 50 per cent. over the capacity of the previous year, and for the new year will be capable of turning out over 2,000 cars a day.

Flooded With Orders.
From the moment the Whippet price-cut was announced, placing the Whippet cars in direct price competition with the lowest-priced cars in the world, the company was flooded with dealer applications from every section of the country seeking the Willys-Overland franchise. As a result the company's dealer organization during the year was increased by more than 50 per cent., and every indication tends to show that the new year will find a similar dealer growth.

The work of re-designing the Whippet Fours and Sixes was begun a year ago, during which time exhaustive tests and experiments were conducted by the Willys-Overland technical staff, bringing to a point of perfection the exclusive mechanical features incorporated in the new cars.

The body-designing was under the supervision of a man who is recognized as one of the foremost artists in the entire automobile industry, and who is credited with the creating of the present-day style of beauty and sparkling colours adopted by practically every car manufacturer.

Mechanical Excellence.
Throughout the past two and a half years that the original Whippet has been on the market it has established an outstanding reputation for mechanical excellence. The company's decision to add to this mechanical superiority new and larger bodies of a type of beauty that sets a new idea of quality and artistry in the low priced field, places the Whippet models in a distinctly individual class, as were the original Whippets two and a half years ago, because of their advanced features, new to the light-car field.

Shipments of the new Superior Whippet models were begun early in December and found the company's vast dealer organization in an admirable position to launch into the new year's work.

Willys-Overland's ability to meet every form of competition is seen in the splendid financial position of the company, together with its increased manufacturing facilities, operation of its own body-building plant, extensive installation of time and labour-saving machinery, increased dealer organization, and (Continued at foot of next column).

FIRE ESCAPES PAYS FOR ITSELF IN THREE DAYS.

An immediate return on capital is a state of affairs highly desired yet rarely achieved, and in this connection the Hull City Police Fire Brigade must be congratulated for their foresight in providing themselves with one of the most modern of fire fighting appliances—the "Leyland" Metz Turntable Escape.

Within a few days of delivery of this escape a disastrous fire broke out in Hull, which destroyed 27 shops and offices and but for the turntable escape, according to the official reports, it would have been impossible to turn the flames as they spread along the Paragon Chambers. As it was, the roof caught fire, but the escape enabled the brigade to reach it and play a powerful jet of water on the fire in an effective manner. The escape worked without a fault, and according to the Fire Chief, has proved its worth in a very short time.

To see the apparatus in action, one immediately understands why this "Leyland" appliance has been designated as the "Almost Human Escape." Every movement is mechanically operated but so controlled that under no possible combination of circumstances can the safety limit be exceeded, except by the deliberate intervention of the operator in case of emergency. It will extend to 85 feet, revolving and inclining itself, at the same time automatically taking charge of the plumbing of the ladder, if the chassis is on an inclination. Should the ladder strike an obstacle, the immediate and automatic stopping of the ladder prevents further damage.

Similar escapes have recently been put into commission by Manchester, Rotherham, Bolton, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Dundee, Newport, Wakefield, Wigan and Swansea Fire Brigades.

LUXURY, SPEED AND SAFETY.

In these modern times when everything is fast and has to be done in a hurry, it is essential that one can travel about quickly and in comfort. In nearly every town the Corporation has changed or is changing from trams to buses. The business man going to work, the woman going shopping need safe and speedy transport, and bus builders have realised this fact and are all striving to turn out really fine jobs.

In producing its new types of passenger vehicles, Leyland Motors, Ltd., has certainly achieved a combination of speed, safety and luxury. Both the "Tiger" and "Titan," the Company's six-cylinder single and double deck buses, are capable of speeds of 50 miles per hour, a speed which can be attained smoothly and silently in a very short space of time by reason of the flexibility of their six-cylinder engines. Sprung on long chrome vanadium springs and fitted with power operating four-wheel brakes, these vehicles have truly been described by a leading motor journal as: "A revelation of luxury at the cost of an ordinary bus fare."

ROUND THE WORLD ON AN AUSTIN "7."

Miss Gladys M. de Havilland, who left England in October on a world tour in a Baby Austin, arrived at Wellington, New Zealand, on January 14 after driving about 5,000 miles across America and having all sorts of excitement on the way. She left England with a friend, Miss Eley, but both contracted influenza in America and Miss Eley was unable to continue. "I am feeling a wee bit lonely," Miss de Havilland confessed on arriving in New Zealand.

In America crowds surrounded the little car every time it stopped and numerous questions were asked as to mileage, performance and so on. The Mojave Desert, 425 miles, was the most difficult part of the trip. After N.Z. Miss Havilland goes to Australia.

many manufacturing economies that have been effected during the expansion period of the past twelve months.

MOTOR NOTES

MOTOR MOUNTAIN- EERING.

The full story of the recent ascent of Table Mountain by an Austin "Seven" makes stirring reading. Experts were agreed that the task was impossible; and the pressmen who accompanied the expedition described it as "a motoring nightmare."

Mr. Ronald Jones, who piloted the sturdy little British car, is naturally elated that he has thus succeeded in establishing a remarkable all-British record. He is not connected with the motor trade in any way, but is, however, an enthusiastic mountaineer, and had often discussed with his friend, Mr. Kenneth Campbell of the Mountain and Alpine Clubs of South Africa, the advisability, desirability, and possibility of a road being constructed to the top of Table Mountain.

More than 20 years before had such a road been mooted. The suggestion, like that of a Channel Tunnel, had evidently been "sat on," but Mr. Jones believed that if he could take a car to the top and have the feat properly observed and recorded, then would the powers-that-be begin to realise that more than a medium of communication lay behind the road suggestion. If one car could conquer the mountain (although experts agreed the feat was impossible), then assuredly officialdom might profitably turn its attention to the problem of opening the Mountain to the feet of the world. Up and down the rugged slopes went Jones and Campbell, studying the bridge paths and mule tracks, and finally deciding that, given the right car, the task could be accomplished.

Roland Jones spent much thought upon this question of a car and the final inspiration—he says—came to him in the night—"Why not a Baby Austin." An Austin it was and Mr. Jones only drove the car a week before he started on the memorable ascent.

The climb itself, who should attempt to describe such a journey? Every foot and every inch a thrill. "A motoring nightmare," says the representative of the *Capricorn*. "A remarkable feat and such as to command the greatest admiration for this great little car," says the *Natal Witness*.

The lower slopes of the Mountain are of granite rock formation and the Austin had to be skidded over boulders, skinned round them, driven up planks and over them. There came a gully to which there was no bridge. The path, too, was not wide enough for the small body of the little car. Mr. Jones performed with a stonemason's hammer, knocking away the sharp edges of the rock until there was just room for the car to pass. The planks were laid across the gully and the car passed over in triumph. Thrilling Moments when a skid of two inches would have sent the car hurtling to destruction, times when Ronald Jones, in the driver's seat, had the whole peninsula spread out beneath him whilst the back wheels raced for grip. The crossing of Quella Gorge accomplished inch by inch whilst the right-hand wheels were actually slipping over the edge, and all the time the camera man, perspiring dreadfully and grimly earnest, races to obtain focus for pictures with a thrill.

It was 6.30 in the morning when a start was made, but it was late in the afternoon before the car turned into the last stretch of the track which presented better going as the summit of the mountain flattened out. Nearly 11 hours' climbing, six miles of rugged mountain paths, half a day's battling against every conceivable difficulty, and yet a combination of grim determination and British engineering won through. Only four gallons of petrol were used on the journey and although the entire climb, excepting the first and last hundred yards, was accomplished on bottom gear, the engine never overheated and the water carried for its possible needs did duty in assuaging the thirst of the party instead.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Jones made the return journey in one hour and 35 minutes. A pressman went to make inspection of the car that he expected to be "almost a wreck." He found that the Austin both started and functioned perfectly and was given the privilege of driving a round Capetown's streets in the little veteran that had so gamely made motoring history.

ABERDEEN BUYS 'BUSES.

Aberdonians have a reputation for being hard-headed and for always getting full value for money. It is not surprising, therefore, that when the question of purchasing more buses came up for consideration recently, a considerable discussion ensued. In the end a decision by a considerable majority was taken in favour of purchasing Albion vehicles, and 19 35-passenger chassis were ordered.

NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

An Affront to the Public.

Dealing with Mr. Churchill's attitude towards the deputations that waited on him recently, *The Motor* has this editorial comment:—

"It is, in receiving this deputation, Mr. Churchill could not find it possible to be moderately sympathetic; he might have considered the desirability of being tolerably polite even if he could not be reasonably accurate. Motoring, to-day, is not the privilege of a class, for the whole community has to rely upon road transport in one or other of its forms.

"Flouting a deputation representing road transport industries to-day will do neither Mr. Churchill nor the Government any good. In case it may be thought that these constituting the deputations were merely representatives of private motoring institutions, we would point out that in addition to the well-known motoring organizations there were representatives of all sections of the motor industry and allied trades present, as well as omnibus associations, commercial motor users, in fact, every branch of road transport in its widest sense. Actually, the deputation represented not only users of private-owned motor vehicles, but those of other associations and federations which are concerned in conserving the business of road travel and the transport of goods and food to the doors of the people.

"It was, therefore, representing the community generally, and that being so it was to the public as a whole that Mr. Churchill's vitriolic reply applied and to whom his deliberate and calculated affront was directed."

Encouraging the Development of Alternative Fuels.

To avoid users of road transport being left at the mercy of the petrol companies it is essential that every possible source of satisfactory alternative fuel should receive the most careful investigation and encouragement.

Perhaps the most promising development, says *The Commercial Motor*, is that of the low temperature carbonization of coal, by which large quantities of heavy oil and petrol are likely to be obtained if the processes be eventually carried out on a really important scale, and particularly if the refineries be situated close to the pitheads, so that transport charges on the coal can be rendered negligible.

Heavy oil does not at present interest the commercial-vehicle operator to any considerable extent, but it is likely to do so in the near future if heavy-oil engines be adopted on many vehicles.

Outing Road Transport Rates.

At the present juncture of events, when the road-transport industry is striving against many adverse factors, of which the most important are the reductions in railway fares, the rates charged for goods and raw material conveyed by rail, greatly increased taxation (both of vehicles and fuel) and, finally, the recent increase in the price of fuel itself, there is a great temptation for the operator to cut his own rates below what may be termed the economic figure. There need be no serious objection to a slight reduction in profits, states *The Commercial Motor*, but we would warn users most seriously against any further cutting than is entailed by this.

Nothing but harm can result from running vehicles at prices which are not only unremunerative but actually involve dipping into reserves, reducing the amount normally put by for depreciation and effecting such, so-called, economies as running tyres beyond their proper life, utilizing cheaper fuels and oils, and keeping to a minimum the attention given to chassis and bodies.

The Perfect Motorist.

Miss Victoria Worsley, one of the most experienced women motor drivers, writing in *The Light Car and Cyclist*, says she is of the opinion that the perfect motorist should be one who has graduated from the ranks: one who has, on a big main road, ridden a cycle and a motor-cycle, driven a lorry, driven a farm cart, led a restive horse on tarmac, driven pigs along and taken children for a walk—certainly a wide experience. She feels that those who have practised these trying arts before becoming motorists can get more amusement and incident out of a long run than out of many novels, movies or plays.

Lighting Confusion.

A contributor to *Motor Cycling* considers that illuminated road-side advertising ought to be restricted by law. Some of the signs that one sees are highly confusing, and so much so, in some circumstances, that they might induce the

inexperienced rider to run off the road altogether.

Advertisers should not be permitted to make capital out of the needs of travellers by night; there would be a fine fuss if some of them started laying down illuminated buoys up the Thames Estuary, and there would be a mighty confusion of shipping. The road should be no less sacred. I cannot see, either, that the glare put out by some of the filling stations is likely to increase their trade, and that matter, too, might have the attention of the authorities."

Grass-track Racing.

There is much to be said in favour of grass-track racing, says *Motor Cycling*, both from the point of view of the competitor, the spectator and also the manufacturer. At least one motor-cycle maker is known to have expressed regret that a grass-track boom did not take the place of the present craze for cinder racing, on the grounds that all the lessons of grass-track racing tend to improve the machine for ordinary everyday use, whereas dirt tracks obviously develop something freakish and specialized designs. For this very reason the average clubman finds it much easier and cheaper to ride on the grass than on the cinders, since his ordinary sports model should prove extremely suitable for the former type of event and would probably be quite useless on a dirt track.

As a spectacle grass racing may not be so thrilling as the "speed-way," but it is essentially a daylight and week-end sport, and as such provides amusement for many enthusiasts under healthy and pleasant conditions in the open air.

ALBIONS IN NEW ZEALAND.

Albions have always been among the most popular British commercial vehicles Overseas, and have always been in great favour in New Zealand, where they are used not only by a large number of Government Departments, but also by many well-known business firms. A repeat order for a two-ton vehicle has just been received from the State Coal Department of Christchurch, who purchased their first Albion at the beginning of last year.

One of the latest additions to the list of Albion users in Wellington is the Gear Meat Preserving & Freezing Co., one of the biggest cold storage and freezing companies in New Zealand. Until recently all the cartage work of this firm was done by contract, and this is the first occasion on which they have purchased a motor lorry of their own. Several makes were considered, but the company decided in favour of an Albion three-tonner.

WILLYS KNIGHT CARS & TRUCKS.

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ROUND AUSTRALIA ON A MOTOR CYCLE.

SINGLE-CYLINDER MACHINE'S
FINE PERFORMANCE.

For the first time in history, a single-cylinder motor cycle has been ridden right round the Continent of Australia under its own power. The driver was an amateur, Mr. Geoffrey Munro, of Sydney, and only those who know the terrible conditions which had to be faced can have any idea of the hardships which had to be overcome during this 9,000 mile ride.

On an All-British Ariel Motor Cycle, the route was Brisbane, Cloncurry, Camooweir, Newcastle, Water, Darwin, Broome, Marble Bar, Port Adelaide, Melbourne, and back to Sydney. Many and varied were Munro's adventures.

From Sydney to Brisbane the going was fairly good, but after leaving Brisbane, 450 miles of the dreaded "black soil" country, which is generally admitted to be impassable after rain, had to be traversed. When Munro struck it, rain had been falling steadily for 14 days and it continued to team down during the whole fortnight he struggled and fought the mud. A crash necessitated a week in hospital, and immediately afterwards more difficulties arose.

The country was very cut up owing to carting operations, and for mile after mile the machine had to run in a blinding cloud of alkali dust, and yet it never faltered. The stretch on to Darwin was in terrible condition and twice Munro got lost on the barren plains, which stretch away as far as the eye can see, with no sign of human life or vegetation to break their monotony.

Skidded Into a Tree.
Hardly was the intrepid rider out of hospital again, as a result of a skid into a tree, than he was down again with malaria, but disregarding his physical disabilities, he pushed on to Darwin, where he was forced to remain for five weeks as a result of malaria. When he had shaken the fever off he set out

again, and had to face the worst conditions experienced during the journey.

Deep sand, through which cars cannot proceed without being towed by mule teams, had to be fought for many weary miles, while the going through the Kimberleys was exceedingly rough. In addition, the Fitzroy River had to be forded, which the Ariel, for which no replacements whatever had been necessary, did under its own power. Near Broome, misfortune once more overtook him.

A crash pinned him beneath the machine and his leg was badly burnt, which meant another week in hospital. Immediately he was fit again he set off for Perth, and during the trip through Western Australia he found the R.A.C. sign posts of the greatest imaginable use.

The Ariel, which was the first 1929 model landed in Sydney, behaved in the most marvellous manner throughout the journey. Apart from the rider, 7½ gallons of petrol, 1½ gallons of oil, 1½ gallons of water and a very heavy kit of blankets, clothes, food, etc., were carried, and yet no mechanical trouble of any sort was experienced. If any fault had developed in many of the sections traversed it would, in all probability, have meant death from lack of food and water, as great tracks were crossed hundreds of miles from human habitation and entirely without water.

That such an adventurous journey was successfully accomplished reflects the greatest credit on Munro's grit and endurance, and speaks volumes for the fine construction and sturdy reliability of the standard Ariel machine.

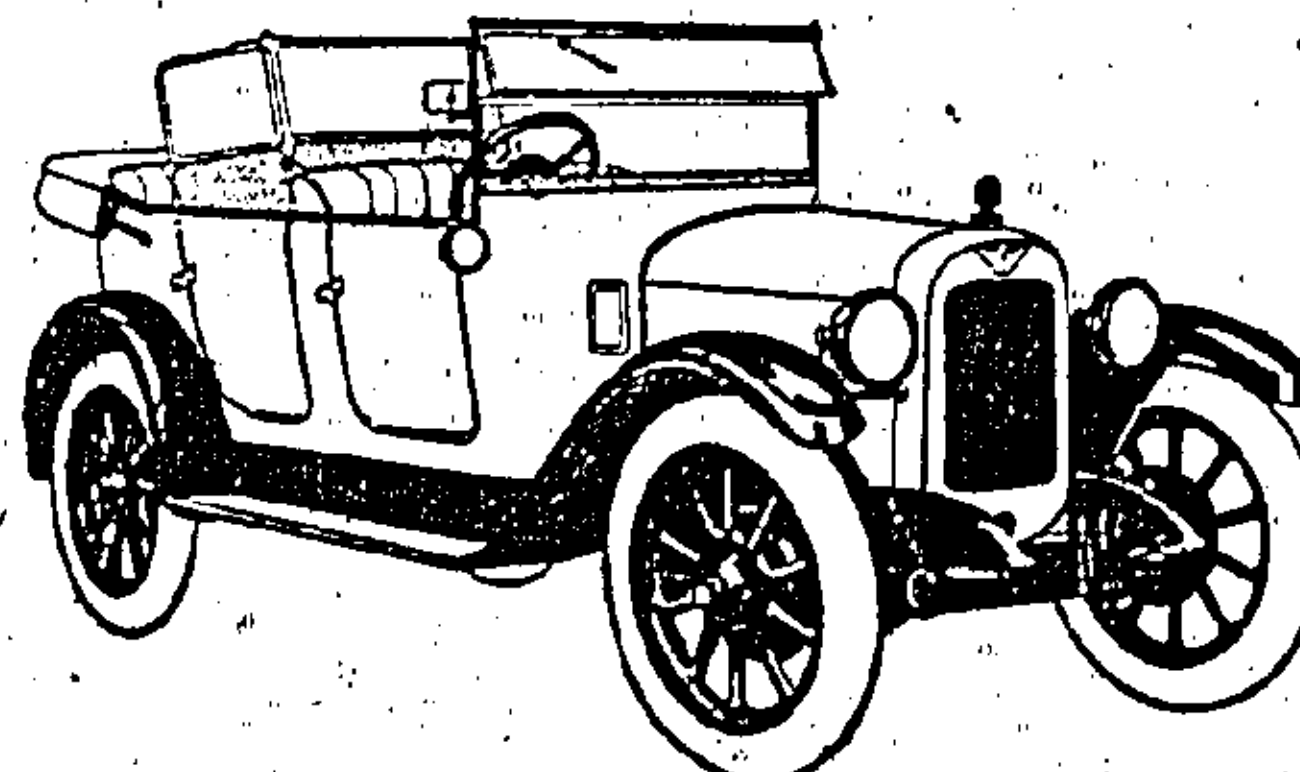
BRITISH CARS FOR CRIME DETECTION.

The wonderful achievements of Scotland Yard in the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals, are world-famous and in this connection the employment of the celebrated Flying Squad has proved of the greatest success.

It is therefore interesting to learn that the work of that Squad is to be even more speeded up by the further employment of new high-powered British cars.

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BRITISH MOTOR TRANSPORT.

The annals of history and fiction contain many instances of the pioneering work successfully carried out in every part of the world by members of the British race, often in face of tremendous difficulties and against overwhelming odds. Many stirring tales have been woven round the exploits of men like Captain Cook and David Livingstone and the world has time and time again been thrilled in learning of the intrepid manner in which the sons of Britain have won through.

There are some who would believe that with the advent of the later centuries this spirit of adventure no longer exists, but there is not lacking abundant proof to show that this is by no means the case.

Something attempted, something done, is as descriptive a British motto now as it ever was, and in every adventure there are those who are striking fresh trails and reaching heights of achievement hitherto undreamed of. In former times the intrepid adventurer set out on a prancing steed, now the no less intrepid pioneer chooses as his "mount" the motor vehicle.

British Lorries.

Among the amenities of civilization Motor Transport has in a comparatively short time become of vital necessity. The value of the motor vehicle as an essential factor to the economic and social life and progress of the world in general is constantly being proved.

Despite almost insuperable obstacles the British-made car, lorry and passenger-carrying vehicle has through its sterling qualities secured a foremost place in the motor markets of the world, but perhaps the most convincing proof of the supremacy of British design and workmanship is to be found in the ability of machines to undertake journeys amongst surroundings, and under conditions for which no special provision could be made when the vehicles were designed and manufactured.

After all it is a matter for little congratulation for any motor vehicle to give service where adequate roads exist, but the test comes when vehicles designed for ordinary service are required to undertake excursions into areas where formerly no transport facilities existed or where at the best animal transport formed the only means of communication.

It was demonstrated in the War that British vehicles could undertake any difficulties successfully, and could be relied upon to go anywhere in face of whatever obstacles might exist.

No longer can it be urged that British motor vehicles are unsuited for Overseas requirements, in view of the proof from every part of the Empire that ordinary standard British production vehicles can undertake, without any mechanical trouble, journeys that in many cases have never before been attempted.

ARE MOTORISTS FAIR?
OR ARE PEDESTRIANS GREEDY?

There are some motorists (fortunately they are in the minority) who regard pedestrians as a hindrance and a nuisance, indeed that really they should not be allowed on the roads at all!

I wonder (says a writer in a London paper) how many of those people realise that a large percentage of pedestrians to-day are motorists, although their cars are "resting," while many of the rest, owing to their constant use of omnibuses and charabancs, are becoming motor-minded.

All of which is leading up to the fact that I was discussing this week with some motoring friends the problem of the pedestrian on country roads where there is no foot-path.

Two of my friends said it was immaterial whether people walked with the traffic, i.e., on the left-hand side of the road; it is up to them to keep their eyes open for both lines of traffic. But is it really up to the unfortunate pedestrian? Can he be expected to know of a car overtaking him round a bend, or overtaking another vehicle, and then swerving in to avoid oncoming traffic?

It seems to me that the only safe way to walk along a country road is on the extreme right; then one can see all traffic approaching one and be clear of any that is overtaking. It has long been the custom to lead horses on that side, and I can see nothing against people following suit. Now, then, you motoring pedestrians, keep to the right and make the motorists' task a little less hazardous.

Cities and the larger towns present a far different problem; fortunately cases of people being knocked down while walking along the pavement are comparatively few, but in every town (especially in the north of England) there is the menace of the dawdler. But until it is made compulsory to cross the road only at certain points the difficulty cannot be overcome.

I think one aspect of American traffic conditions would put an end to dawdling—"jay walking" they call it over there. In America these people are arrested for dawdling in the road, or crossing streets other than at the appointed places.

I have been driving recently in the North, and I have never seen so many people wandering aimlessly in the streets, neither looking nor caring what vehicles were coming. I always crawl through towns, but in places like Burnley, Manchester, Bury, Middlesbrough, Thirsk, Stockton, I had to drive at walking pace, and in the first named I had to stop more than once for men who refused to get out of the way until I pulled up, and hurled epithets at me when I sounded my horn.

It was in Middlesbrough, too, that a policeman had to take two dawdlers by the arm and push them on the pavement so that I could continue my crawl.

MOTOR NOTES.

ADDITION TO THE CROSSLLEY RANGE.

Crossley Motors, Ltd., have just made an interesting addition to the range of 13.7 h.p. six-cylinder models. This is a "popular" Coachbuilt Saloon very much on the lines of the de Luxe Saloon. Exactly the same outstanding performance for which the 13.7 Crossley Six is justly famous. The only difference, externally, is the fact that steel wheels are fitted in place of the wire wheels which are standard on the de Luxe model.

This "popular" model will be finished in Crossley blue or maroon, cellulose. The interior is in best English leather. There is ample room for five. Four wide doors. One-piece screen with wide range of adjustment. Floor covered with carpet. Roof ventilator. Drop windows. One-piece front seat with adjustment for leg room and also an adjustable back for individual requirements.

The interior finish leaves nothing to be desired and the whole job is of the highest quality in every way and in conformity with the usual Crossley practice.

Equipment includes: Dipping headlight reflectors, petrol gauge on dash, electric horn, carpets, shock absorbers, illuminated instrument board, luggage carrier, spare wheel with tyre, etc.

This rather startling departure on the part of Crossleys is due to the fact that they believe there is a wide public desiring a cheaper quality six and they are determined to market a car to fill the bill without sacrificing any of the quality for which Crossley cars are noted.

A de Luxe Coachbuilt Saloon will be sold alongside the "Popular" model, and the increasing demand for this particular car indicates a still more successful future for it.

"STILL GOING STRONG."

Leyland Motors, Ltd., are well known for their wonderful service system by means of which users of their vehicles can be supplied with new parts at a moment's notice for any type of vehicle.

In the commercial vehicle world it is generally recognised that such service means exceptionally long life and the universally high second-hand value of Leyland vehicles is generally attributed to this service almost as much as to the high standard set in manufacturing. In this connection an interesting photograph appeared recently in one of the motor trade journals of a Leyland machine over 17 years old with 340,000 miles to its credit, and still doing its 300 miles per week, which is truly a very good performance.

MOTORING LAWS.

ENFORCED IN ARBITRARY MANNER.

ROAD MARKING SYSTEM REQUIRED.

We are in some respects a most remarkable nation, writes Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon in the *Evening Standard*, so much so that we even pride ourselves on our failures. Take, for instance, war. It is our proud boast that we muddle every war at the start, but in the end we pull through.

So it is with the problem of motor traffic. True it is that no longer cars are preceded by a man with a red flag, but they are still obstructed by the twenty-mile speed limit. Not only is this obstruction wanton; it leads to accidents, and incidentally, to contempt for the law of the land.

Let us visit a County Bench. Here you will find as many as forty summonses for exceeding the twenty-mile speed limit being dealt with, and fines of from two to five pounds being inflicted. The court is over, the magistrates depart, and those who live at any distance drive their cars, or are driven, at any speed from thirty to fifty miles an hour.

Should you ask one of the Justices how he can reconcile his conscience to fining people for committing the same offence that he commits daily, he will say: "Oh, yes! But I only drive fast at places which are not dangerous."

Untried Traps.

How many magistrates take the trouble to drive over the trap and test for themselves whether it is dangerous at the speeds the police summon for? Very few. When tackled they say: "The offence summoned for is exceeding the speed limit, not dangerous driving."

To remind them that they punish for dangerous driving is merely to provoke a shrug of the shoulders. Oh, we are a wonderful nation!

The twenty-mile speed limit is doing for us what the Volstead Act is doing for America, namely, encouraging contempt of the law. Just as ten-mile speed notices teach drivers to disregard all road signs, so the twenty-mile limit teaches the nation to disregard its laws.

This, however, is not all. The fact of having a legal speed limit prevents a rational system of road marking being adopted. It is impossible now to mark a corner, say, as being safe for the average car at a speed of thirty miles an hour, because it would be to encourage lawbreaking. The net result, therefore, is that the motorist is left to find out what that speed is by experiment; the result, especially with a corner of increasing twist, may be extremely unsatisfactory.

What is really wanted is a system of road marking which will give to a motorist the information he requires, and which he will have sufficient confidence in to pay attention to and profit by.

I have driven a good deal in Scotland, and passed through a large number of villages with the ten-mile speed limit. In hardly any case would a speed of twenty miles be dangerous at any part of the village. The result was that I passed no motor vehicle which was going less than twenty miles an hour, very few less than twenty-five miles per hour and some going thirty and over. The motor buses, which presumably passed through daily, all were going at a speed close to twenty-five miles per hour.

Maximum Safe Speeds.

Obviously no attention was being paid to the enforcement of the limit. Why, then, have it?

The Home Secretary has said that the objection to abolishing the twenty mile speed limit is that motorists would feel themselves at liberty to run at any speed they liked. This statement shows that this usually alert Minister is entirely out of touch with motoring. There are only four speeds for the motorist.

(1) A caution speed of anything from twenty miles, down to stopped, according to the traffic and dangerous nature of the locality.

(2) A country lane and cross-road speed. This speed should not exceed that at which the car can be brought up within the distance that the road can be seen ahead; or, in the case of cross-roads, the distance along the cross-roads that can be seen.

(3) A speed at corners at which the car can comfortably be kept between the white line and the kerb.

(4) Any speed along a straight road that does not overdrive the car.

Now, assuming these speeds, how can the motorist be helped? For it is by helping the motorist, and not by fining him, that accidents will be reduced.

(Continued on next column).

TWO HANDS ARE NOT ENOUGH!

THE SIGNALLING PROBLEM.

Hand Signalling would meet every requirement of the motorist if he had three hands and if it never grew dark.

It is when you have to steer with one hand, change gear with the other, and at the same time indicate to the policeman which way you want to go, that you realise that two hands are not enough.

And after dark you realise how futile it is to thrust out a hand which cannot be seen.

Again it is often inconvenient to open windows and thrust out hands in wet weather—it is neither convenient for the driver nor the passengers—especially in saloons.

Hand-signalling certainly does not meet every case—motorists need something more, something definite—they need a simple, reliable direction indicator, which will function on the instant and never give cause for complaint.

The B. & S. Everyway Indicator is definite in action, simple and durable in construction, and sold at a price consistent with common sense. It has been approved by the Hong Kong police, who have warned owners of near-side-drive cars that some form of mechanical signal must be fitted.

The first essential is to abolish all speed limits, then have a Road Marking Board of practical motorists. The Government must, of course, be represented on it, also the A.A. or R.A.C., and the County Council of the particular district in which they may operate.

It should be a committee, say, of six.

Having settled on a system of marking which will convey the maximum amount of information to motorists in ample time for them to profit by it, they should then visit every bend and corner in the Kingdom and, with the assistance of the local County Council member, mark them, and forward to the County Council any recommendations that they may consider necessary to render them as safe as reasonably possible.

The markings of corners and cross roads should be at least three hundred yards each, side of the corner. They might well be marked with the maximum safe speed that the average weight-car should approach at. This will give all cars valuable information which will be of use to them.

At cross-roads, one road should be selected as the main road, and the other marked with a special caution, making the car using it responsible that the other road was clear before turning into it.

All dangerous cross-roads should have the junction enlarged, and marked with white curves, and be of sufficient size for two cars to pass down the centre while a car is turning into the road from the side. There would, of course, be other markings which it is needless here to go into.

"Cutting-in" will always be a danger.

The Wobbling Driver.

One of the curses of the road is the timid driver who wobbles and continually grouses after a drive. To him, every one who passes his car is a "road hog," and every one who passes him with a car in sight ahead is guilty of "cutting-in." It is the feeble, nervous driver that makes reports of dangerous driving by drivers of other cars always a matter of doubt to a Bench.

A word as regards penalties. A report by a driver of repute of "cutting-in" should be good matter for a fine. But the inherent distaste of Englishmen to a peach will lead to very few of such reports.

Corners should be watched, and any car driving over the white line should, without the slightest doubt, be fined. This is much better than any arbitrary speed limit.

Every summons should be for dangerous driving, and the magnitude of the offence should govern the penalty. Suspension of licences for bad or careless driving, say, for periods of three months or so, and until the offender has obtained a certificate from a recognized school or garage that he has been instructed, examined and passed, should do away with much bad driving, and, at the same time, weed out the blind, deaf and constitutionally incompetent.

We have a Minister of Transport who possesses the quality, rare among Government administrators, of common sense. Now is the time for him to develop another great quality—that of imagination. If he will only grasp this nettle firmly, abolish speed limits, institute an advisory Road Marking Board, and put road marking on a proper basis, not only will he reduce accidents, but, incidentally, he will earn the gratitude of hundreds of thousands of motorists, strengthen the law-abiding instincts of the community, and, in addition, attain the main object of four-fifths of our annual legislation, namely the bringing in of a good crop of votes to the Unionist Party at the General Election.

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"There are several features which are outstanding and specially adaptable to marine uses, namely, strong and heavily built timing gears (a fault with most engines); perfect oiling system (another fault with 90 per cent. of most engines); no chance of water getting into the cylinders in case of gasket blowing through (a general failing with most marine engines out here); compact, yet excellent material; well balanced in-crank, will slow down to trolling speed and pick up instantaneously. In fact, if I was getting another engine to-morrow, it would be the Albion."

"Where should I be able to get minor parts should the occasion occur? How old is my engine?" The fact that the engine referred to was fitted to a 1910 Albion 25-cwt. chassis, shipped to Vancouver is further remarkable proof of the high quality of Albion products. The Albion Company are, of course, in a position to supply spare parts for the engine in question, as it is their policy to maintain a spare parts service for even their oldest vehicles."

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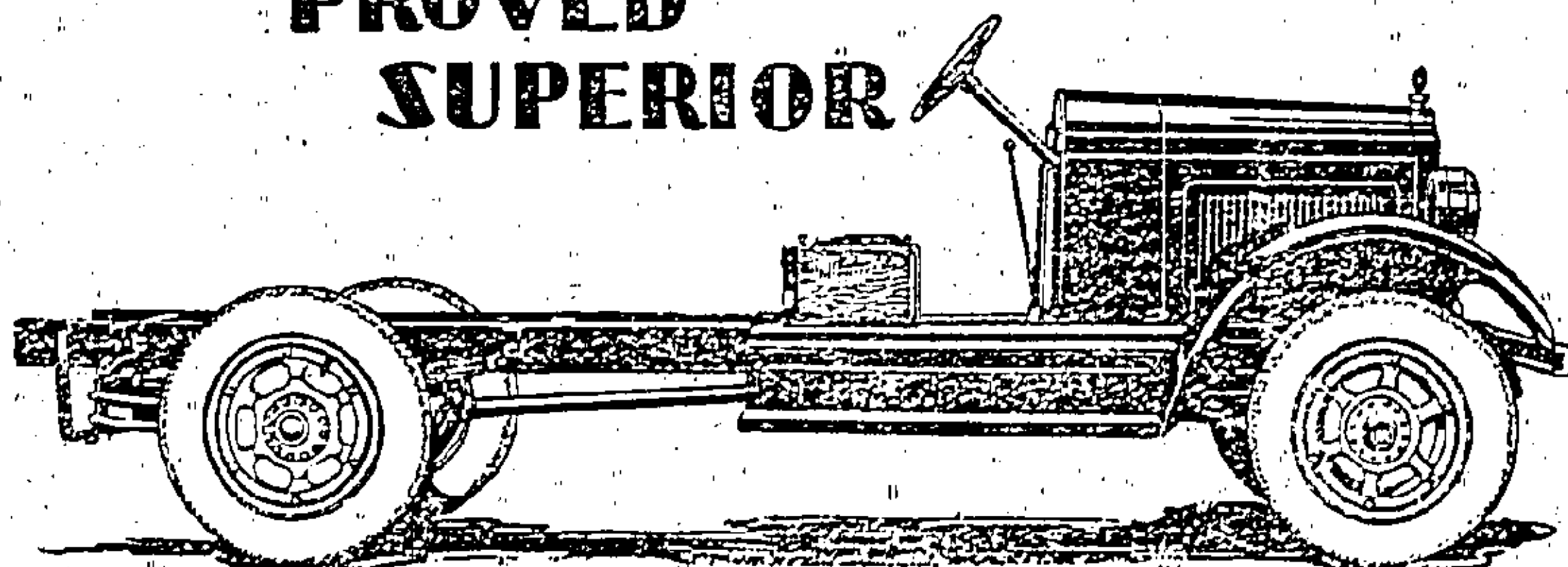
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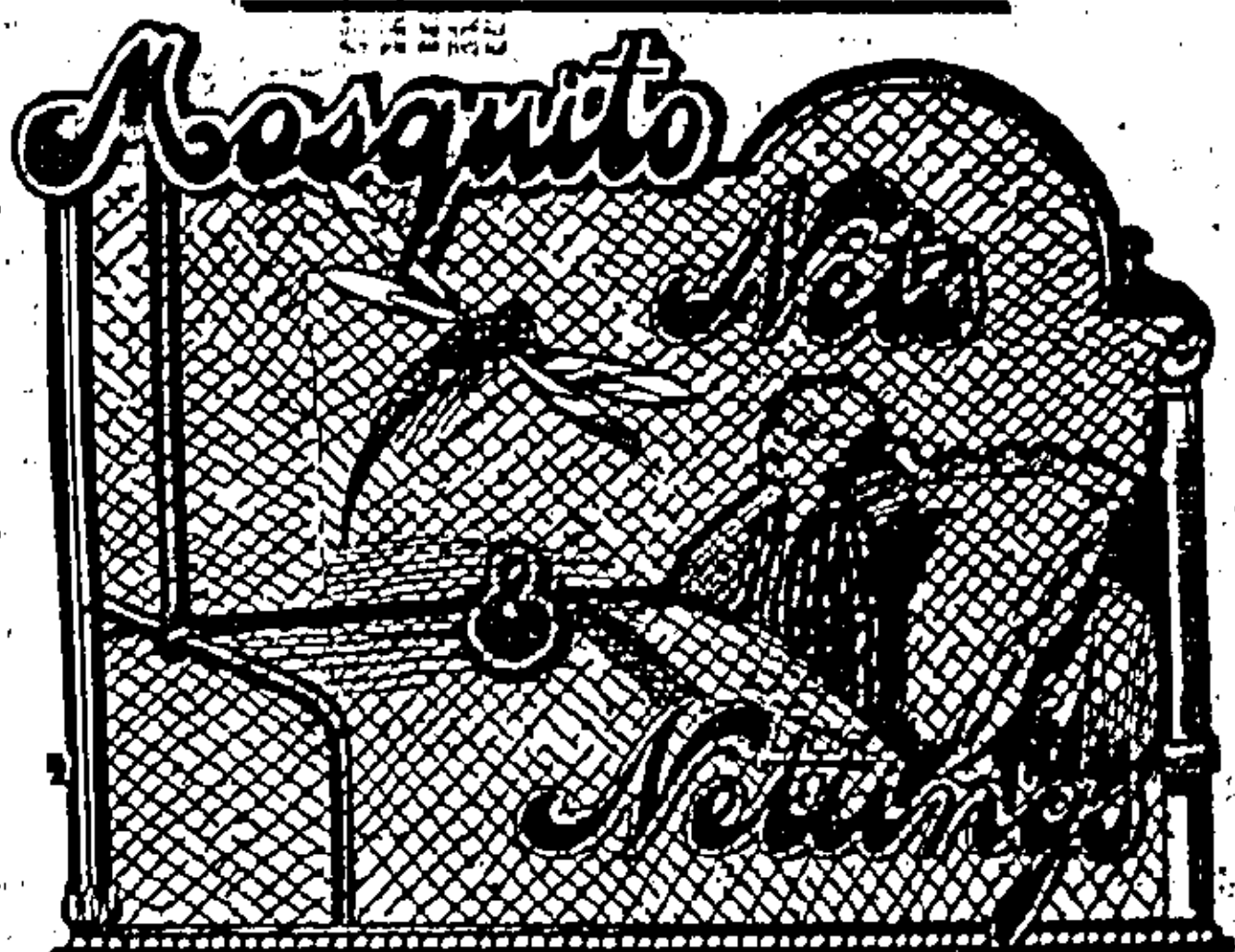
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COLONIAL TREASURER CROSS- EXAMINED.

SATISFIED THAT YEO CHEQUES WERE FORGERIES.

GOVERNMENT AS AN "ORDINARY CUSTOMER."

YESTERDAY'S SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Colonial Treasurer, Mr. C. McL. Messer, gave evidence during yesterday's hearing of the case in which the Government is suing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for the re-crediting of the sum of over \$280,000, the money involved in the Yeo frauds. Owing to the difficulty of the Jury hearing Mr. McL. Messer, His Lordship occupied a seat next to his throne and the Colonial Treasurer gave his evidence on the opposite side of the Court to the witness-box. As a consequence, the Press were accommodated below the Jury.

Even so, it was most difficult to catch the replies of Mr. Messer, and our reporter had to rely largely upon lip-reading.

During the afternoon sitting, the fans failed. Then the lights went out for a few seconds and the sound of electric bells being rung frantically outside the Court indicated that the lights had also failed.

His Lordship, Counsel, Jury, and witness breathed a sigh of relief when the Court adjourned.

ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT ORDERED.

Mr. Messer said that Praya East Account cheques were made out by Mr. Barton who signed them first and then sent them to witness for signature. Mr. Black had nothing to do with them.

"No Argument."

The counterfoils of the cheque books, from which the 60 cheques were extracted, were handed to Mr. Messer, who said that the shortage was first brought to his notice on January 18, 1928. He instructed Mr. Black to go to the Hong Kong Bank, get the cheques, and not to enter into any argument or discussion.

Witness also asked the assistant auditor, Mr. Dullin, to go to the Bank as it was the custom to send an auditor when anything was wrong.

About ten days before the end of the year 1927, just after an order had been given to the Bank for 200 cheques, 400 cheques were received. Tsang On Wing spoke to witness in the main office, saying that the Bank had sent 400 cheques instead of 200, and added "We are 60 short" or words to that effect. "I took it to mean that he only required 60 more cheques." Witness said he replied that as the Bank had sent the book, it did not matter.

Not Tsang's Writing.

Mr. Sheldon: When he said he was 60 cheques short, or used words to that effect, did you gather that he meant by those words that 60 cheques were missing from the cheque-book?—Not at all.

Therefore, I suppose, you did not gather that the 60 cheques had been extracted?—I had no idea of that.

The stubs of the cheque books were brought to witness's office by Mr. Black, when he came back from the Bank. When witness saw the disputed cheques, he immediately formed the opinion that the handwriting in the bodies of the cheques was not that of Tsang On Wing.

When Mr. Proctor, a member of the Bank's staff, visited witness's office and brought the three disputed cheques with him, they did not have much conversation. He remembered saying, "The signature was a darn sight too neat for me and I must have had a very steady hand."

Wrong Figures.

Mr. Sheldon: Did you have any doubt that the signature was a forged signature?—No doubt at all.

Was it clear to Mr. Proctor at the end of that interview that you had no doubt?—It must have been. So that, whatever the remainder of the Hong Kong Bank thought on January 19, it was clear that Mr. Proctor knew that you had repudiated that signature before that letter was written?—It should have been clear.

Was there any conversation about the possibility of the cheques having been obtained by a trick?—I believe there was.

Anything definite?—No, nothing definite.

Names of Payees.

On January 19, Mr. Grayburn rang witness up on the telephone and the following conversation took place, said Mr. Messer. Mr. Grayburn said: "What about those cheques, the signatures are genuine." Witness replied "They are not." Mr. Grayburn: "At any rate Mr. Black in our office said that was his signature." Witness replied: "Mr. Black says it is not" and rang off.

Unshaken Conviction.

Mr. Messer affirmed in reply to Mr. Sheldon, that he was convinced that the disputed cheques were forged the first time he set his eyes upon them. That conviction had remained unshaken throughout.

Witness said he had always found Mr. Black competent and dutiful, and his services were satisfactory.

Tsang On Wing joined the Treasury in August, 1920, on transfer from the Imports and Exports Office. He had performed his duties to witness' entire satisfaction.

Referring to what Mr. Sheldon termed the "contractual relations" between the Treasury and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, witness said he was not aware of any contract between them in regard to the custody of the cheques, or of any contract to the effect that cheques issued by the Bank to the Treasury should not be allowed to get into the hands of strangers. Nor had he heard of any contract which made it a condition that the cheque books be kept in the safe when not in use. The contractual relations were the ordinary relations between a banker and customer.

Cheques on the Treasury were prepared by Tsang On Wing and his assistant, and witness had no occasion to find fault with the manner in which they were prepared.

Quite a number of people had access to the safe during office hours. During the tiffin interval, the cheques were returned to the safe, and he considered that they were in good custody with the presence of an Indian guard and another person in the office during that hour.

More Suppositions.

After the tiffin adjournment, Mr. Messer was again cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin. He admitted that there was a genuine cheque written hurriedly by Tsang, which was not in his usual neat handwriting.

Mr. Jenkin: Apart from the legal aspect of the case, do you recognise any obligation on the part of the Treasury due to the Hong Kong Bank with regard to the cheque books issued?—They send in their notes which I countersign "On Government Service."

But do you recognise any, due obligation?—I regard myself under no special obligation, only the ordinary thing between customer and bank.

Suppose the Treasury was rifled overnight and the only thing extracted was the current reserve book from the safe?—I should probably inform the bank but I should not put it as an obligation. If I found it out I should certainly let the bank know.

Why?—To assist them in case any cheques went astray.

To assist them in what manner?—To stop cheques in order to prevent fraud being carried out.

"Mutual Duties."

If such an accident occurred, would it not occur to you at once that there was high probability of those cheques being put to an improper use?—Of course, if they were the only things extracted from the safe.

I put it to you that if that occurred to your mind, that would be the main incentive for your communicating with the bank?—To stop fraud, exactly.

There is a mutual duty in those circumstances between Bank and customer?—I would not call it a duty or an obligation, but to inform the bank would be a natural thing to do.

You could not conceive that any properly-minded man would fail to acquaint his bank with the loss of cheques?—If the books had been stolen, he should inform them.

You will agree that any customer, if he acted correctly and properly, would take that course?—Certainly.

You do not doubt that it would be the duty of a customer to take that course any time such circumstances arose?—What is duty? It would be a common act of courtesy.

His Lordship: Is this a question of law?

Mr. Jenkin: Yes, My Lord; it arises out of the relationship between bank and customer and is the implied duty under terms of contract.

(To witness): It would be within your contemplation that you should inform the bank?—Not as a legal contract, but I should do it if I thought the cheques had been abstracted for fraudulent purposes.

So you will agree with me that in the case of cheques being surreptitiously extracted from a cheque book in Treasury custody, like action would be taken by you?—If I knew they had been extracted. The same afternoon?—If I found they had been improperly extracted, yes.

Previous Letters.

Is the duty of looking after the cheque books left entirely to Tsang?—Under Mr. Black. I would not interfere unless for some special reason.

You are the head of the department; did he have that duty?—Yes.

As one of your deputies, would it not have been his duty, if he discovered that cheques had been extracted, to refer the matter to you?—To Mr. Black. That is, if he thought they had been wrongly extracted.

Should such a report have been made by Mr. Black?—If there had been appearance of cheques having been extracted in improper circumstances.

On previous occasions, there had been letters and telephone messages between the bank and your department with regard to the propriety of honouring cheques—Yes, but they referred to cheques which had been issued correctly. The payees had neglected to cash them and they were "stale."

These messages from the bank were issued because there exists a mutual understanding to protect each other's interests?—Yes, to protect their interests as well as mine.

The state of affairs—mutual inter-communication between the Treasury and the bank—has been in existence for many years?—For 29 years.

Underlying that course of action has been the safeguarding of both parties?—Certainly, if we can help them, we do so, and if they can give us assistance they do.

Departmental Order.

On the day of the discovery that cheques had been used improperly you issued a departmental order with regard to cheque books?—Yes.

Does it read to this effect: "Government cheque books must, in future, be issued daily and returned daily to the cashier or accountant who will examine them with regard to audit numbers and see they are locked up when not in use"?—Yes; the audit numbers are really the serial numbers.

And the Cashier, by examining these numbers, can see that no cheques have been improperly extracted?—Yes. They would be locked up during the tiffin hour.

It came as a surprise to you to find that for some time previous to the loss of the cheques, the cheque books had been left lying about?—Not as a surprise, because I had seen them.

You know of it?—But I took no notice.

I repeat, you knew of it?—Yes.

And took no action?—No.

Why, then, was the departmental order issued?—Because I did not know who would go into my office.

Why was it issued—to prevent forgery?—To prevent any further occurrences such as was discovered on the previous day.

I asked whether it was to prevent forgery. Your answer means the same thing?—Yes.

Not Kept in Safe.

Is the safe locked during the tiffin interval?—No.

The cheque books are kept in the safe?—No, in the drawer of a desk of which Mr. Black and I have the key.

That changed routine will also be for the protection of the bank as well as yourself?—For the prevention of fraud.

You regard it as your duty to prevent fraud whenever you can?—Certainly. It is every man's duty.

The duty of all reasonable men?—Yes.

What did you do when you received a new book from the bank?—I looked at the receipt but did not look at every individual cheque in the book.

If you had a book in front of you for three days and the numerals on the cover were altered, would it arouse suspicions in your mind?—If I noticed it, but I do not know because I have never had a case.

If the numerals on the cover of the book before you had been altered to a broken hundred, and you recollected having acknowledged the receipt of 600 cheques, would the broken hundred cause your suspicions to be increased?—It is hard to say.

If the book was a month old and had been constantly before you and you noticed that the numbers had been altered, that would increase your suspicion?—Yes.

Tsang speaks to you several times a day?—Yes.

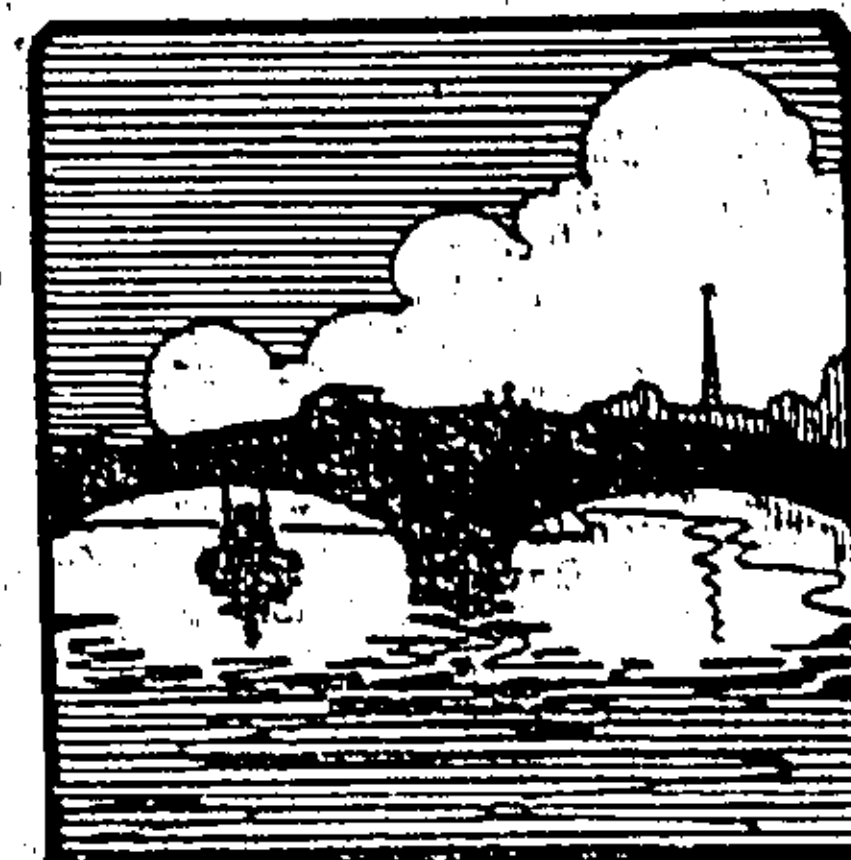
His assistant, Tsang, has access to you?—Less than Tsang. Mr. Tsang can come into my office at any time. There is nothing to stop him in the proper performance of his duties.

You would stop at his desk and talk to him about his duties?—To see what he was doing.

"Chinese Mentality."

You have thought a lot about this case?—Yes.

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Can you advance any rational theory or explanation as to why Tsang did not, on numerous opportunities, when you were present in his company communicate the occurrence to you?—He did.

Did he ever bring the book to you with the altered numbers on it?—No.

Did he ever tell you that he had a book which contained only 570 cheques?—No.

Although he had received that book on November 2 he said nothing to you about it until only ten days before the end of December?—Yes.

He speaks good English?—Yes. You never misunderstand him at all?—His English would not be as good as that of an educated Englishman.

But it is of sufficiently high standard to permit his bringing me a book within, say, two days of its being altered and acquainting me of the fact?—If he realised it had been altered.

Can you give me a rational reason why he did not communicate to you the loss of the cheques?—It is very hard to give a reason, but I suppose he never thought it was of sufficient importance.

Not of sufficient importance?—It is a matter of Chinese mentality. It is very hard to say what a Chinese brain thinks.

Would Have Told Bank.

If he had communicated the loss to you, you would have reported it to the bank?—If there was any doubt about the way the loss occurred.

There is no doubt now that the cheques were lost?—No.

His Lordship: If you had been told on December 2 that the cheques had been lost, you would have mentioned it to the bank? That the cheques had been extracted from the book, I mean?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: I suggest that if a report had been made in the first place, it would have shown what occurred and would prevent like circumstances in the future?—Probably.

You had that order typed on January 18, 1928. You would have had it typed on December 2 had you known?—I can't say.

What do you mean?—I probably would have done.

His Lordship: I think that is a difficult question to answer. The conditions were not the same. You must remember, Mr. Jenkin, that on December 2 things were different. The cheques had been forged by January 18.

Counsel: You understood the word "short" as used by Tsang to mean that 60 cheques were needed to complete the year?—That is what I understood.

Tsang volunteered absolutely nothing to you at all?—No.

On his return from the bank, Mr. Black reported what he had discovered?—Yes.

Did you institute any inquiries to find the means by which the serial numbers had been altered?—No.

Did Mr. Black say anything about 30 cheques being missing?—I can't remember.

Did he make any report about the cheques?—I can't say.

When did you first learn that there were a number of cheques missing?—From the stubs.

Mr. Black's Silence.

Did Mr. Tsang maintain that two books were sent from the bank with 30 cheques missing from each?—Yes.

And that was the first time you heard the allegation?—Yes.

After the shortage was discovered?—Yes.

Mr. King came along shortly afterwards?—Some little time after. Throughout the happenings in your room, the only thing you recollect Tsang saying was that the handwriting on the cheque was not his?—Yes. That was one of the things I remember. It was in his mind that two books had been sent short from the bank.

Apart from the constant contact he had with you from day to day, from December 22 onward, there were obvious opportunities of making known his discovery to you?—Yes, I suppose so.

I cross-examined Mr. Black as to why he maintained silence when he went to the bank and one reason he gave was that he did not want to be inveigled into a discussion with the people at the bank. He said you gave him strict instructions to maintain silence at the bank. You have not stated that in Court?—No.

Nor did Mr. Black tell us why he received such instructions?—No. You expected him to say nothing about the handwriting at the bank?—My instructions would not admit discussion. When he came back he said they tried to force him to talk about the matter. If he carried out my instructions, he would have said nothing.

You understood that anything he said was the result of being practically forced out of him?—Yes. Did he tell you that he had been forced to speak but would admit nothing?—He did not admit it. He said they asked, "Is not that your own signature?"

Is that all?—That is all I recollect.

Your relations with the officials of the bank up to this occurrence had always been friendly?—Perfectly.

At this stage, the hearing was adjourned until this morning.

KWANGTUNG'S APPEAL FOR PEACE.

A MESSAGE TO WONG SHU
HUNG.
SUFFERING THAT WAR WILL
INVOLVE.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 30.
General Wong Shu Hung and the other Kwangsi leaders are maintaining an evasive and equivocal attitude over the question of submission to the Central Government. According to the latest reports, however, Kwangsi has no intention of fighting Kwangtung and it is also said that Wuchow is very inadequately protected and in no condition to resist an attack from Chen Ming Shu's troops concentrated near the border.

The Kwangtung leaders have sent the following final appeal in the hope of maintaining peace:—

To General Wong Shu Hung, Colonel Wang Kook Cho, Wu Ting Yang, Lui Woon, Im, Wong Fun Ting, the Wuchow Garrison Commander, Colonel Kung Kit Yuen, and others:—

"Great sacrifices have been made ever since the Kuomintang launched the Northern Expedition for the unification of China. Unless the country is united, there can be no reconstruction. And without reconstruction, the Nationalist Movement will lose its primary aim and significance. When the Wuchow trouble started, the country was again plunged into disorder. But who were right and who were wrong has now been made plain and clear to the world."

The two Kwangs have suffered turmoil and chaos for years, but are now enjoying peace and beginning to recover. Rehabilitation and reconstruction have been the watchword of the new era, but most of the plans for improvements have not as yet been realized and it is the duty of those in power to that there is no return to past conditions. Should another war break out the people will suffer terribly again, and it is with this eventuality in mind that General Chen Ming Shu and General Chen Tsai Tong have been labouring ceaselessly for the past twenty days, to preserve peace throughout China in general and between Kwangsi and Kwangtung in particular.

Kwangtung has been most liberal towards Kwangsi, and has made every effort to maintain peace and friendship in the hope that General Wong Shu Hung would declare his attitude in unequivocal terms respecting the present situation. But so far the hopes of Kwangtung have not been realized and Wong Shu Hung has failed to make his position clear."

"The time is now critical. War clouds are looming overhead. If you wish to carry on with your reconstruction work of the past few years, you must decide now at once where you stand. It is earnestly hoped that General Wong Shu Hung will at once send a circular telegram, acknowledging obedience to the Central Government. This will remove obstacles to the unification of the country and put an end to the approaching war. You are requested to ponder over this and favour us with an immediate reply."

(Signed) Chiang Kwong Nai, Tang Yin Wah, Chen Chak, Yu Hui Mow, Heung-Hon Ping, Chen Chang, Po, Wan Ying Kiu, Li Mo Tze, Chen Wai Yuen, Tai Kit, Tsai Tung Kai, Chang Wai Cheung, and Cheng Hing Wan."

WONG SHU HUNG'S CIRCULAR.

Meanwhile General Wong Shu Hung has sent a circular message to the troops under his command and to the people of Kwangsi, setting forth his desire to preserve peace and friendship with Kwangtung. The following is a full translation of the message:—

"Marshal Li Tsai Hsin was arrested needlessly and without reason while attending the Third National Congress of the Kuomintang at Nanking, and acting as a mediator in the Wuhan disputes. Recently a section of the authorities of Kwangtung thought that, in order to save Marshal Li, peaceful methods should be used. These people are well-intentioned. The authorities of the Kwangtung Provinces have been associated for years and although different views are entertained as to the manner of helping Marshal Li, yet the deep affection they have for one another is unchanged. Nothing untoward will happen in the relations between the two Kwangs. People should work and live happily, paying no attention to rumours which are spread by evil hearted persons."

KWANGSI ENVOY ARRIVES.

A further message from Canton states that Kung Kit Yuen, the representative detailed by Kwangsi has reached Canton to negotiate with the Canton authorities to settle the situation peacefully.

DR. CHAO HSIN CHU'S RESIGNATION.

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CANTON.

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(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 30.
Very general regret is being expressed in Canton at the resignation by Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, from the post of foreign commissioner and other offices held concurrently. The consensus of opinion is that during the past few weeks the city and the province have lost the services of a far more able and experienced administrator and soldier than she can spare at the present time. The loss of Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, is the culmination of a series of applications to resign, which, while regretted were felt to be inevitable. But Dr. Chu is in a different category from the others. He is a Kwangtung man, and his long experience in diplomatic circles abroad have made him a great asset to China's Foreign Office. Canton was genuinely sorry when it was suggested that he should leave to go to the Tokyo Embassy, but this was a sacrifice in the interests of the country. To see him deprived of all opportunity for serving China at a time when men of his calibre are urgently needed is a different matter.

Dr. Chu has performed an extremely notable service to the South, in helping to restore the traditional friendship between Canton and Hong Kong, which had been temporarily shattered by the intrigues of Michael Borodin and his attend communists. Dr. Chu realised the havoc being wrought by the senseless strife and was one of the big influences in putting an end to the trouble.

A further triumph for Dr. Chu were the negotiations which led to the return to the Canton Government of the old French and British Consulates in the heart of the city. As Vice-Minister he was also rendering great assistance in the important diplomatic negotiations now in progress with the Powers.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

The vernacular press gives great prominence to Dr. Chu's retirement and large placards announcing the event are placed outside every newspaper office.

In an editorial article on Monday the *Tai Chung Pao* remarks that Dr. Chu had a clean and enviable record as Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung and his sudden withdrawal from public life is looked upon with the deepest regret. Dr. Chu is "a diplomat of rare ability, a peace-lover, and a leader of absolutely reliability. Those in the diplomatic service must not be involved in political changes. This is precisely the custom in the case of the diplomats of foreign countries. Continuing, the article states:—

"Chao Hsin Chu laboured ardently for a better understanding and closer relationship between Canton and Hong Kong and succeeded remarkably well in a very short time. He is essentially a man of integrity and action and he has a brilliant record in diplomatic affairs. His present resignation is to be deplored."

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU.

ASSURANCE THAT LI TSAI
HSIN IS UNHARMED.

GENIAL PATIENT AT THE
G.C.H.

General Chen Ming Shu, the head of the Kwangtung Provincial Council, who it will be remembered, was badly injured at the King Edward Hotel fire, kindly granted our representative an interview at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday morning.

"The General," said one of the doctors, "has been a model patient and he has made a remarkable recovery. We hope he will be fit to leave by the end of this week. I think," added the doctor with a smile, "we can consider him the most important personality we have had among our patients."

General Chen Ming Shu, who is in a comfortable private room, still walks with a decided limp and his hip is heavily bandaged. An alert, strongly built man of about forty, he has a very pleasing and courteous manner, which at once sets the visitor at his ease.

After a tribute to the good care which had been taken of Madame Chen and himself at the Hospital, the General said that he would go straight back to Canton, as soon as the doctor considered it safe for him to move.

Naturally reticent about the political situation General Chen was emphatic that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin was alive and well at Nanking. "Of course they weren't going to harm the head of the Canton delegation to the Kuomintang Conference. You can take it from me, that Marshal Li is perfectly safe," and he laughed at the suggestion that anything sinister could have happened.

The General also discounted the idea that there was any unusual perturbation in Canton at the present time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Now that the subject of the Royal visit has been raised, I would like to know why H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was not given an opportunity to speak at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet? Never in my life before have I attended a public dinner where the health of the guest of honour, was not proposed and responded to. One can certainly get too much oratory at banquets, but this affair of ours in Hong Kong went right to the other extreme, and seemed to me absolutely discourteous. Certainly we do not want a pleasant evening spoiled by a dozen prosy after-dinner speakers, but I think we should have had an opportunity of drinking a toast to our distinguished guest, and have had the pleasure of listening to his reply. At Singapore the Governor proposed the health of His Royal Visitor, and His Royal Highness made an appropriate reply. Why this extraordinary silence in Hong Kong? Many of us who attended Friday's dinner were very disappointed that no speeches were made. Myself and many others had expected to hear His Royal Highness say at least a few words to us in reply to the toast of his health, but we were not allowed to express our good wishes towards him! I can assure you that if such an incident had occurred in Australia, somebody would have been "counted out" last Friday night!—Yours, etc.,
DINKUM.

Hong Kong, April 30.

CAUSES OF RACIAL FRICTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—From Mr. Y. S. Chen's letter in your issue of to-day, it appears that he is somewhat prone to detect causes of racial friction where no such causes legitimately exist.

In the first place he assumes, hastily, and without sufficient evidence, that the luggage of Europeans is never searched by the Hong Kong Police, and promptly speaks of "glaringly discriminatory treatment" and also of his "firm intention to enlist support to the best of his ability for every movement that China's Government may make to impose restrictions on foreigners in China."

In the second place, even supposing that he is correct in his assumption, that special attention is directed to the searching of the luggage of Chinese passengers in particular, surely a gentleman of Mr. Chen's manifestly good education and intelligence cannot possibly be ignorant of the fact that Chinese in particular, do constantly attempt to smuggle arms and ammunition and opium and tobacco into this Colony, and accordingly that good reasons do exist, as the result of accumulated experience, for treating Chinese passengers somewhat differently from the ordinary run of European passengers.

It, therefore, seems regrettable that Mr. Y. S. Chen should, under the above circumstances, have magnified any special precautions, taken by the police in the case of Chinese passengers coming into the Colony, into a deliberate attempt to insult the Chinese, as a nation, in his own person. Moreover, any steps taken by the Government with the view of either protecting the revenue or of preventing armed robberies are mainly for the benefit of the Chinese in this Colony, who outnumber the Europeans by nearly a hundred to one.—Yours, etc.,
A EUROPEAN FRIEND OF
THE CHINESE.

Hong Kong, April 30.

[Reference is made in our editorial columns to Mr. Chen's letter.—Ed.]

FATAL ACCIDENT TO NAVAL MAN.

BODY FOUND BY R.N. PICKET.

The funeral took place yesterday of Able Seaman Millard, who was killed in the early hours of yesterday morning.

A naval picket in Wanchai came upon Millard's body at about 4 a.m. He was dressed in a singlet, a pair of shorts, and socks and a boot on one foot only.

How long the body had been lying on the road before it was found is not known, but Millard had hired a room at the Naval Canteen at closing time on Monday night, and on account of the heat he probably went on to the veranda to undress. It is not clear however how he could have fallen over.

The funeral in the Protestant Cemetery was attended by a large number of officers and men from the unfortunate man's ship, H.M.S. *Marazion*, and full naval honours were accorded.

A.B. Millard was 35 years of age and unmarried.

CHINESE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

"SYSTEMATIC BLEEDING
OF HAWKERS."

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday, Wong Kam Shing, a constable of the Hawkers' Department of the Hong Kong Police, was charged with misconduct as a police officer by accepting bribes. Originally there was also a charge of conspiracy to make illegal extortion from hawkers, but that charge was withdrawn.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds prosecuted and Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton represented the defendant.

Opening the case, Mr. Reynolds said that following the receipt of certain information, the police set a trap for the alleged collectors of "squeeze" in the interest of constables of the Hawkers' Department. This "squeeze" took the form of payments week by week by both licensed and unlicensed hawkers, the former paying 80 cents per week and the latter \$1. On payment of these sums, a password was given to the hawkers which made them immune from arrest.

C. D. I. Reynolds stated that four men were arrested as collectors, these having been trapped by marked money which was given to Police informers to hand over to the collectors. Two detectives arrested the collectors as soon as the money changed hands. On the persons of these collectors, the police found papers bearing the names and numbers of other hawkers who had paid "squeeze."

The accused was alleged to have taken two lump sums from collectors, at his house.

Took Money to Defendant's House.

A hawker named To Pan was the first witness called. He said he had known the defendant for three months and was introduced to him by a police constable named Ah Lung, who told him to take any money collected to the defendant's cubicle. For some time, witness had been in the habit of collecting money for Ah Lung.

Witness could not remember the date and the time when he took the money to defendant's house, but stated that he knew defendant to be a constable. On handing over the money to defendant he had stated "Ah Lung asked me to bring this money," and defendant had replied "all right."

Witness said that on the hawkers paying their weekly money they were given a password, to avoid being arrested by the police.

Witness stated that Ah Lung was present when the money was handed to the defendant.

Cross-examined by Mr. Brutton witness said that he also knew the defendant by the name "Siu Ngo Pan" a term which literally meant "coast goose and magpie." He had not seen the defendant on duty for the past three months and agreed that it was to Ah Lung that he usually handed the money collected.

Mr. Brutton: You say that on this occasion Ah Lung was in the house and yet you handed the money over to the defendant?—Yes. Ah Lung refused to take it.

Why did you not pay the money to Ah Lung when he was in the house?—He refused it.

Had he refused before?—Never. Witness later explained that Ah Lung indicated that the money could be handed to anyone present.

Mr. Brutton put it to the witness that his story was a tissue of lies, but witness replied that it was the story which he gave to the police when he himself was arrested.

Another hawker stated that he had once handed a sum of money to the defendant at the latter's house. The sum was about \$46 to \$47.

This witness stated that he had been approached by a number of constables to do the collecting on their behalf. On the day when he handed the money to the defendant, he had been unable to find any of the constables, who usually collected it from him every Monday.

Asked by Mr. Brutton why he wanted to pay the defendant in such a hurry, witness explained that every Monday was "settlement day," and since he could not find the others, he went to the defendant, whose address had been given to him by the other constables.

Mr. Brutton: How did you know that the defendant was connected with the *kau wongs* (plain clothes constables)?—I have seen him on duty.

When you saw him on duty he was with the Inspector?—Some times.

He was never on duty like the eight other *kau wongs*?—I have never seen him arrest anyone but he always came on duty between five and six o'clock.

Mr. Brutton was asking witness certain questions about defendant's duties, when His Worship indicated that Mr. Brutton should put the questions to the officer in charge of the hawkers' department.

Defendant's Duties.

Sergeant E. J. Field, officer in charge of the Hawkers' Department, stated that his staff consisted of nine Chinese constables, the defendant being one.

The defendant's duties were to make inquiries for the department and to escort mendicants to Canton. Defendant did not actually patrol the streets as the eight other constables did, but he generally went out during the day to make any inquiries or to get any special information which the department might require. Sometimes, the defendant accompanied witness on a round of the streets.

His Worship: Is he actually a source of danger to the various hawkers in other words, is he from the nature of his job, in your opinion, a man who is worth bribing? Would it be worth the while of the people to bribe him?

Witness: Yes, I should think so, as he is acting as a sort of No. 1. How did the whole affair come to be discovered?—It was in the hands of the C.I.D.

Of the nine men in the department two of them carried on after April 22. Six actually absconded and were officially reported missing at 9.30 a.m. on April 22. These men were still missing. The defendant did not turn up at the department at 9.30 on the 22nd, but in a normal way this would have occasioned no surprise. He only looked upon the defendant's non-appearance in a different light because of the disappearance of the other six men.

His Worship: Take a normal day? Would he have been absent between 9.30 and 4 p.m.?

Witness Returns Defendant's Revolver.

Continuing witness stated that the defendant's wife visited the hawkers' department just before 11 a.m. and was asked where he was! She replied that she did not know. Witness then inquired if she knew where her husband was and she replied that she did not know.

Witness then inquired if she knew anything of the defendant's revolver and the woman promised to look for it. At 2 p.m. she brought the revolver and 18 rounds to the office. She was again asked if she knew where her husband was and she replied that she did not know.

His Worship: You were under the impression that he had bolted?—Yes.

The witness went on to say that at 4 p.m. he found the defendant in the office.

His Worship: Did he offer any explanation as to his absence?—He told me he was afraid.

His Worship observed that the defendant might have known that the other men had bolted and it would be perhaps natural for him to be afraid. He asked the witness if such an explanation appeared compatible with the defendant's innocence. Witness agreed.

Witness agreed that it would have been just as easy for the defendant to "bolt" as the six other constables. The defendant had effected six arrests during the last three months and in each case witness had ordered the arrests.

At this stage the case was adjourned until to-day. His Worship said he wanted to hear evidence of the discovery of the affair and when suspicion first fell on the defendant.

"SQUEEZE" COLLECTORS FINED.

AGENTS BETWEEN POLICE
AND HAWKERS.

The four Chinese hawkers who had pleaded guilty last week to charges of assisting certain Chinese constables to collect bribes from other hawkers were brought before Major C. Willson yesterday morning.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, who represented one of the accused, suggested that the four men should be bound over to come up for judgment if called upon. The Police, said Mr. Loseby, were of the opinion that a fine would be more appropriate.

His Worship indicated that he was prepared to grant another remand on small bail until another case, connected with the "squeeze ring," had been dealt with. He would like to see what transpired before passing sentence on the defendants.

Mr. Loseby stated that if the present case was dealt with the accused would be in a position to give evidence freely in the other case without the thought that the weight of the penalty might depend on the evidence they would give.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, who was prosecuting, concurred with Mr. Loseby's remarks. Two of the accused had promised to give evidence in the other case, said Mr. Reynolds, and if they were dealt with without a further remand, he felt sure they would keep their word.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 on each of the defendants.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

15 SMALL-POX DEATHS LAST WEEK.

Eleven new cases of small-pox and 15 deaths, reported last week, show that the small-pox epidemic cannot be regarded as over. There were two more cases on Monday.

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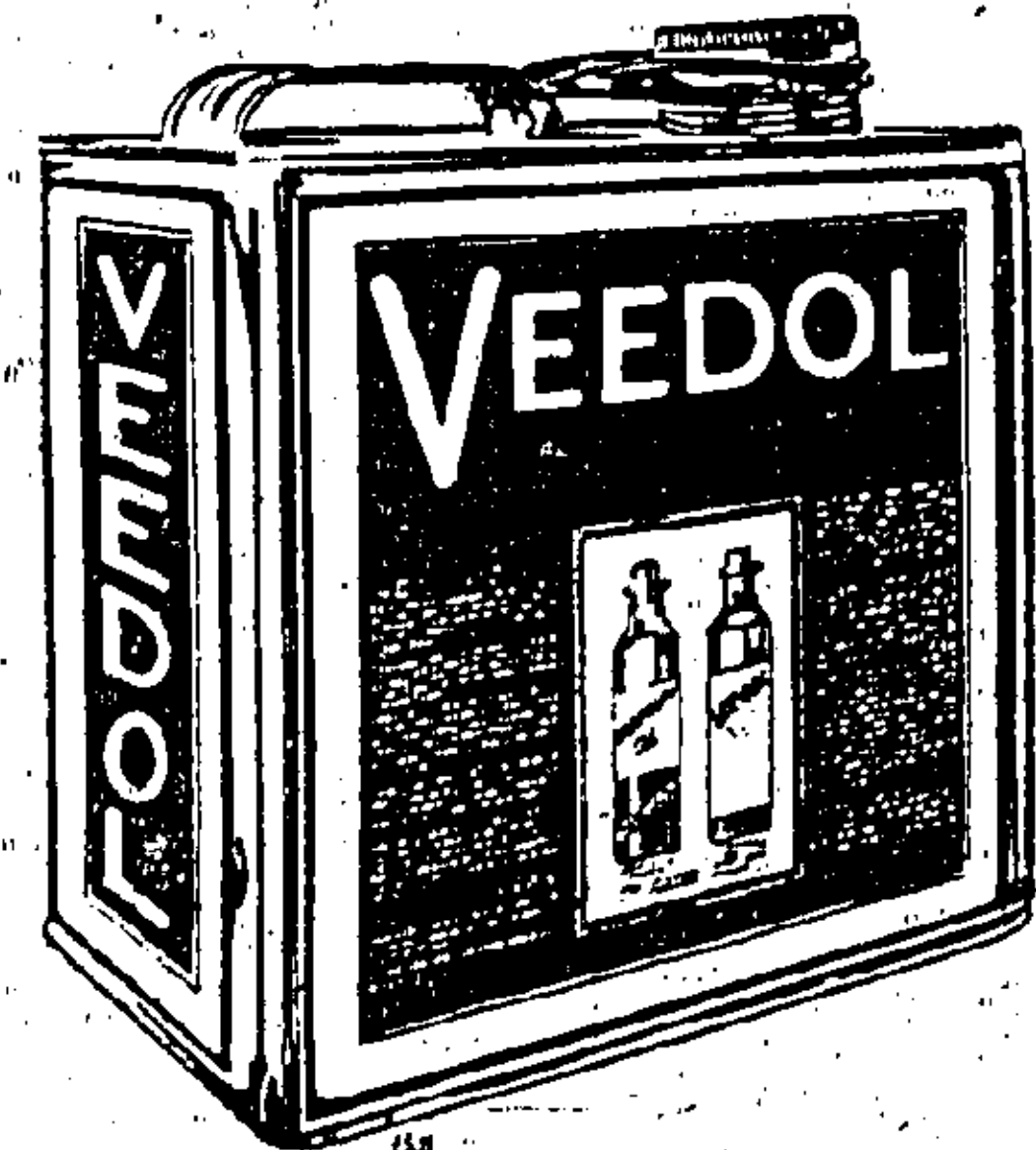
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ARCHIBALD RITCHIE, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a PARTNER in our Hong Kong Business as from 1st JANUARY, 1929. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Accountants. 1st May, 1929. [7717]

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., 57, GLENN STREET, HONG KONG, on THURSDAY, 7th DAY of MAY, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1928, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st MAY, 1929, to 7th MAY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, HERBERT R. STURT, Secretary. Hong Kong, 29th Apr., 1929. [7714]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONG KONG CLUB ANNEX, on FRIDAY, 17th MAY, 1929, at 5.10 P.M.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 30th Apr., 1929. [7716]

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

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OUR OFFICES are now situated at: HONG KONG BANK BUILDING (4th Floor), 4A, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL. HERBERT R. STURT, Manager. Hong Kong, 29th Apr., 1929. [7677]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

Pressure remains highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan and relatively low over China generally. A depression has developed over Tongking.

Local Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate, fair to showery.

MARRIAGE.

MAURICE-JONES, KENT.—On April 20, 1929, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, by the Very Reverend the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Lieut. KENNETH WYN MAURICE-JONES, D.S.O., R.A., to MARGARET ADA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER KENT, of 88, CAINE ROAD, HONG KONG. [7718]

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MAY 1, 1929.

A CHINESE GRIEVANCE.

A CHINESE gentleman, Mr. Y. S. CHEN, in a letter published in our columns yesterday, expressed great indignation because, on arriving in Hong Kong from Canton, a police-constable inquired as to his nationality, and, on learning that he was Chinese, at once ordered his baggage to be thoroughly searched. Speaking with a direct frankness not wholly characteristic of his race, our correspondent complains that "glaringly discriminative treatment is meted out in this Colony where British justice and fairness are supposed to be the guiding principles of administration." He goes on to declare himself "rabidly anti-foreign," and to support every move by the Chinese Government to impose restrictions on foreigners which are "a copy or counterpart of some unjust distinction maintained by foreigners against Chinese." The anger of a gentleman who has had his baggage overhauled by an inquisitive policeman might easily be passed over if the nature of his resentment were not so significant of an attitude of mind that lies at the root of many of China's troubles.

The style and the tone of our correspondent's letter, with its admirable command of English, suggest that he is one of the intellectuals of his country, well educated, in all probability at a European or American University, and intensely patriotic. This makes his outlook, as revealed by his letter, all the more discouraging both to Europeans and to Chinese statesmen who take long views and have the fundamental interests of China at heart. Here is not the spirit out of which large-minded statesmen and magistrates are made. This is not the mentality which would be able to judge either a civil or criminal case, in which a European was concerned, impartially, on the evidence, and with complete oblivion of the Boxer rebellion and recent "incidents" in Canton, Shanghai, and elsewhere. Mr. CHEN is obviously out for satisfaction for what he considers an affront. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and he declares he will support the National Government in getting it.

In the matter under immediate discussion Mr. CHEN's insight does not seem to carry him very far. It is possible he would agree to the highly debatable proposition that the leased territories in China are harbours of refuge for fugitives from justice, and safe centres for the opium traffic and political plotting. And yet he is ready to denounce the British authorities for action taken in all probability at the request of the Canton Government for the round up of opium smugglers, Communist agitators, and ordinary felons. He would reply no doubt, that it was not the police precautions but the exemption of Europeans to which he objected. He has overlooked the fact that at all frontiers there are discriminations against "aliens." The police have a shrewd knowledge of the European crooks and bench-combers on the China coast, and we can assure Mr. CHEN that a sharp eye is kept on those gentry.

But the police know nothing of the crowds of Chinese who swarm into the Colony every day, and their duty both to the Chinese as well as to the British authorities is to find out something about those whom the Colony is harbouring. The task of enlightened Chinese patriots like Dr. C. T. WANG, who constantly urge upon China the need for improving the judicial, police, and prison services before asking for the abolition of extra-territoriality is not made easier, when educated gentlemen like Mr. CHEN become "rabidly anti-foreign" on such trivial pretexts. Not long ago a British subject, owing to the stupidity of a minor official, spent a night in a Chinese gaol. There is nothing in that, for every nation has its Bumbles and Dogberrys, but unfortunately the gaol was so filthy and the inmates so diseased that the "prisoner" had to burn every stitch he wore in the interests of hygiene. Dr. CHAO HSIN CHU, it will be remembered, senteth over the incident with the friendly tact customary from him, but it was hardly an argument for abolition of extra-territoriality rights enjoyed by the handful of Europeans in China.

Anti-foreignism is to be deeply regretted, for European and American are in a position to render essential services to China, but they can do nothing in a hostile and suspicious atmosphere. Grievances are nurtured where none exist in reality. The disparity between punishments meted out in British Courts to Europeans and Chinese is, for example, a favourite source of complaint. Our contemporary, the *Canton Gazette*, has dealt at length with the lightness of the sentences passed on some British soldiers convicted of window-smashing and theft, compared with the long terms inflicted for lesser offences on Chinese. There is, however, another side to the matter. No concealment is made about the kind of sentences inflicted on Chinese by their own magistrates. Not long ago an epidemic of gang robbery in Canton led to a sharp warning that death would be the penalty for such offences. Recently a money-changer was executed for "rigging the market" and refusing to accept the Central Bank of China notes at par with the silver coinage. Communists are shot out of hand after secret trial at the Magistracies. Two years ago, when a British Labour M.P. was plaintively urging the injustice to China of extra-territoriality, another on the same day obtained confirmation from Sir ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN of Marshal CHANG TSO LIN's summary strangulation of seventeen Communists. It is not suggested for a moment that the Chinese authorities were unduly harsh on the occasions cited, but it all goes to show that the light-handed justice which is quite sufficient to maintain order in Britain would make the law a laughing stock to Chinese bandits, kidnappers and opium traffickers.

The contact of two vastly different civilisations needs an adjustment under which people of both ways of life are least disturbed from the normal. It is not suggested that China has no grievances and has suffered no injustices, but response at least at one in asking for a sane and temperate attitude of mind in approaching this complex matter of the relations between the people of the West and the Far East.

News and Views.

The rainfall on Monday night amounted to .69 of an inch.

During the hearing of traffic cases yesterday, Mrs. X. Illingworth was summoned for leaving motor-car No. 2230 unattended in Pedder Street on April 6. She admitted the offence and was fined \$4.

At the Hong Kong Football Association monthly meeting yesterday it was agreed to allocate \$787.38 from the funds of the Association to the Miners' Fund. The annual general meeting was fixed for June 28.

A Chinese, who has had three years service with the Hong Kong Telephone Company pleaded guilty yesterday when charged before Major C. Willson with the theft of two lumps of lead. Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was passed.

A small passenger boat laden with baggage from the s.s. *Cramer* capsized about 100 yards off the Tung On Wharf on the waterfront yesterday and the occupants, the master, his wife, a son and a *fok* were thrown into the harbour. They were immediately rescued by a passing motor-boat, but the baggage sank to the bottom of the harbour.

Mr. F. H. Losby, the well-known local solicitor, has made a report to the police that his residence, No. 3 Chatham Road, Kowloon was entered by a thief, during Monday night, who stole \$30 in ten dollar notes, and a pair of gold cuff links. Captain Corballe, of the Somerset Light Infantry, living at No. 9, Chatham Road, reports that someone entered his rooms during the same night and took a crocodile leather travelling clock and a fountain pen.

At the Central Magistracy, a Chinese was ordered by Mr. E. W. Hamilton to pay \$5 compensation, and to go to prison for ten days for causing a wound about an inch long on the eyelid of a small boy. He was also fined \$5 or a further ten days imprisonment.

When a Chinese lad was ordered to pay \$2 as compensation to a rickshaw coolie, whom he had accidentally injured, he informed Major C. Willson, who made the order, that he would rather undergo a period in gaol as he could not afford the money. His Worship coolie was injured by a piece of iron which the defendant was throwing to another boy.

So rapid has been the work of reconstructing the devastated regions of France that a Deputy Georges Antoine has introduced a Bill asking that part of the war area be segregated to serve as a permanent source of the feverish days that followed the opening of hostilities in 1914. M. Antoine proposed that the segregated region be made a sort of park, to which school-children of the future could be taken as a means of revivifying the texts of history text-books of that day.

Paymaster Captain H. W. Eldon Manisty, whose appointment as Paymaster Director-General is announced, will be the fourth holder of his new post, which was created in 1913 in order to give the accountant branch of the Navy representation within the Admiralty on a similar footing to the medical and engineer branches. Since June, 1927, he has been Port Accountant Officer and Port Librarian at Portsmouth, and for two years before that was Deputy-Judge Advocate of the Fleet. He was specially promoted to paymaster for services in the China War of 1900, and after being secretary to Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson at the Coastguard and Reserves Office in 1903-10, he accompanied him to Australia to advise on the constitution of the Commonwealth Navy, and became the first Finance and Civil Member of the Naval Board at Melbourne. During the late War he was engaged on special Admiralty service, and in 1917 became Organising Manager of Convoys, which work, Lord Jellicoe wrote in his book, "The Crisis of the Naval War," "was carried through with quite exceptional skill by Paymaster Commander H. W. E. Manisty." After the War he served on the Admiralty staff in China, and in January, 1922, became Superintendent of the Secretaries' Course at Portsmouth. He became a barrister-at-law (Gray's Inn) in 1905.

Doctor's Handwriting.

"Is it possible that snobbery may some day compel the cultivation of a vile fast as the distinctive mark of social superiority, much as the drooping of the final 'g' was once imposed in certain hunting and shooting circles?" This question is asked by the *British Medical Journal* in the course of an article on "Doctors' Handwriting." "The reproach of illegibility," it is stated, "has long attached to the handwriting of doctors; but the guilt, if guilt it be, appears to be shared by many others. Perhaps the doctor's script is no worse than that of any other professional man, but patients given to the pastime of scrutinising prescriptions, are convinced, more over, that the doctor's scrawl is designed to keep secret the contents of these documents, and are more likely to attribute their failure to decipher what is written to the doctor's illegibility than to their own ignorance of dog Latin and pharmaceutical terminology."

A Pilgrimage to Canada.

Immediately after recording their votes in the general election, a large party of members of the Free Churches will sail from Liverpool on the White Star liner *Doric* on an interesting pilgrimage to Canada. Last year a shipload of Congregationalists sailed in what was called "the Second Mayflower" to visit the famous sites associated with the Pilgrim Fathers in New England. This was a great success, and the keen interest shown in the pilgrimage and the intercourse between leading Americans and our Free Churchmen must have done much to promote good feeling and understanding. There is a special interest in this pilgrimage to Canada, which is going in response to an invitation from that side. The United Church of Canada has just been brought into existence as the result of an interesting experiment in reunion, and as reunion is very much "in the air" in Great Britain—it will soon be consummated by the Methodist churches—this visit will give Free Church people an opportunity for studying the movement on the spot. The party will spend nine days, including two Sundays, in Canada, and a leading point about this pilgrimage, as in the case of the Congregational voyage, is that every one will pay the same return fare of thirty-six guineas, with no distinctions on board, so that this will be an example of democracy quite in the Puritan tradition.

While the Rhenish metal works and machine factory, as well as the police authorities at Düsseldorf, are maintaining strict secrecy concerning the theft of documents and plans of construction for the gun turret on the new German armoured cruiser of the "A" class, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* publishes the news, which it claims to have received from a well-informed source, that two draughtsmen have been arrested in addition to the engineer arrested yesterday. The charge is that of possessing stolen plans with a view to offering them to other European countries. The newspaper adds that the arrested men were removed to Berlin, where investigations were still proceeding.

Reports of road casualties over Easter received by the Roads Improvement Association in London showed that 39 people were killed, while over a hundred were in hospital in a critical condition, apart from minor casualties, which undoubtedly exceeded a thousand. Road conditions were a contributory factor in the majority of the fatal accidents, declares the Association. In five cases bends on steep gradients were the cause of the accidents; collisions due to narrow roads or blind corners accounted for nine others, while telegraph-poles, embankments, and other obstructions adjacent to the carriageway cost eight lives. Three people were killed and 163 gravely injured by vehicles mounting the footpath, in several cases in emergencies caused by the narrowness of the carriageway, while seven others were killed owing to the absence or inadequacy of the footpath.

Thames Pleasure Trips.

Disappointment at the non-success of the Thames passenger service was expressed by Mr. W. J. McAlister, the chairman of the General Steam Navigation Co., at the recent annual meeting. Mr. McAlister stated that, in spite of the favourable weather last summer, comparatively few people were carried in the Thames pleasure steamers. Even at week-ends three vessels proved adequate to carry all the passengers, and with increasing competition from motor-coaches the prospects for this summer were no brighter. Referring to the proposed Channel Tunnel, Mr. McAlister suggested that such a proposal need not be taken seriously. There were three aspects of the proposed scheme—engineering, military, and economic—and many obstacles stood in the way of its realization. "The two great objections to steamer crossing to the Continent seemed to be the risk of sea-sickness and the delay caused by Customs examinations. No sort of transport," he added, "will do away with the demand of the Customs, and the other objection could be done away with by providing larger vessels."

The Weather.

The London correspondent of the *Rangoon Gazette* writes:—It was remarked by an Eighteenth Century essayist that when two Englishmen meet their first remark is of the weather. I am not aware that any other nation, ancient or modern, has exhibited an equal preoccupation with this subject, and I find it difficult to imagine that it has ever provoked such a flood of lurid oburgation as during the recent cold spell. One inspired comment which fell from a friend while describing the state of the London streets on Tuesday, February 28, filled me with envious admiration. The prospect, as he put it, "was enough to depress a Salamander on his wedding day." One of the most curious things ever said about the weather is to be found in Peppy's Diary when he observes that "it lessened my esteem of a King that he should not be able to command the rain." Of proverbial sayings one of the most racy is that which runs "As the devil said to Noah, 'it's bound to clear up,' Benham, in his excellent book of quotations, adds the Yorkshire variant to the effect that the phrase was used by a Pudey man when declining Noah's offer of a passage because the fare was too high."

Working Men as Capitalists.

Mr. Hartley Withers, the economist, spoke at the recent monthly luncheon of the Industrial Co-partnership Association at Holborn Restaurant, of the incalculable importance to encourage the worker to be a capitalist, even more important than encouraging the capitalist to be a worker. "In the first place," he said, "we want capital from the point of view of the country, and in the second place it will be extremely good for the worker himself and make a tremendous difference to the stability of the whole atmosphere of industrial work as it is carried on. Not only are we saving less than before the war but we are also keeping a much greater proportion of our capital at home. We are apt to overlook the very material fact that we are not exporting capital as we once did. It will be a great advantage if the capital we want is provided in larger and larger degrees by the manual workers of the country." It seemed that working men could be interested in the financial world. "But Heaven forbid," said Mr. Withers, "that I should suggest we encourage working men to go in for gambling on the Stock Exchange, which is being done so much—in this country on a smaller scale, but across the Atlantic on a terrific scale."

It is announced in Admiralty Fleet Orders that the R.N. and R.M. Sports Control Board, formed in June, 1910, with the object, among other things, of developing sports and games among the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines has for the purpose of placing its affairs on a more formal basis for the future, applied to the Charity Commissioners for the establishment of a scheme formally constituting the board. As a preliminary step, the Charity Commissioners propose to make an order extending the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1893-1925, to the endowment in question, and a notice to this effect is published for the information of all concerned. The balance-sheet of the board in 1928 showed that the accumulated fund amounted to £38,462, the greater part of which came from canteen profits and the like.

Double-Deck Motor Sleepers.

Recently a new motor-bus service between London and Manchester came into operation, the feature of which is that the vehicle is of the double-deck type. The commodious body is mounted on an all-wheel chassis, and by enclosing the engine and bonnet in the roadway the front berth in the upper storey may be likened to an observation-cum-lavatory apartment. Day and night services are being run, the day accommodation being for some 44 passengers, the night service providing 22 sleeping bunks. The bus is equipped with a kitchenette and lavatory accommodation. It is the aim of Land Liners, Ltd., the company operating this service, to give comfort rather than fast travel, and the night journey is timed to be run at 30 miles an hour. This gives 10 hours for the trip, and starting at about 10.30 p.m. passengers reach London or Manchester early next morning, but not too early next morning. Breakfast is served on board and is inclusive with the fare, which is 15s. 6d. for the single journey and 30s. return. An interesting part of the scheme is that when the outward-bound buses from London and Manchester meet, about halfway, the drivers change vehicles, so that each driver is always operating over his half of the route. Further, the conductor is also a driver, and he takes his turn at the wheel every trip. The first driver then takes over the duties of conductor. The buses have central heating, and are built with a corridor both on the upper and lower deck.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

MISS KENT AND LIEUT. K. W. MAURICE JONES, D.S.O., R.A.

Yesterday's bride, Miss Margaret Ada Kent, was the centre of one of the most picturesque weddings seen in St. John's Cathedral for some time.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, of 88, CAINE ROAD, and she became the wife yesterday of Lt. Kenneth Wyn Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., the Dean of St. John's Cathedral (Dean A. Swann) officiated, and Lieut. E. H. Walters, R.A., was "best man."

The bride who was given away by her father, Mr. Walter Kent, A.S.P., looked very charming in a picturesque bouffant gown of fine Honiton lace over parchment satin, with a garland of velvet buds, in pastel shades, which effected a delicate contrast to the artistic creation. The gown was devoid of any trimming, save for a large butterfly bow in satin which fell from the waistline at the back, over the stately folds of lace. She wore a lovely tulle veil edged with ivory knots surmounted by a chaplet of orange blossoms and white heather. A rope of seed pearls and a beauty sheaf of arum lilies and maiden hair fern completed one of the most striking models worn in Hong Kong.

The four bridesmaids—the Misses Molly George, Patricia Hynes, Marian Vincent and Patricia Chevalier—wore charming bouffant gowns of "perylene blue," pale gold, mauve and palest pink taffeta. The skirts were finished with tulle which reached the toes of their taffeta slippers. The only trimming was a taffeta bow which fell to the ground, from the neckline at the back.

On their heads were bandeaux of tulle edged with tiny taffeta buds. The two bigger girls carried sheaves of gladioli, and the younger two Victorian posies of pink daisies and mauve larkspur.

The bride's mother, Mrs. W. Kent, wore a becoming gown of beige georgette over satin with a black picture hat. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel which was attended by a very large number of friends of bride and bridegroom. The usual toasts were drunk and good wishes offered for the future happiness of the young couple.

Lieut. and Mrs. Maurice-Jones left later for their honeymoon which is to be spent at Repulse Bay and Manila. The bride's going away dress was a sleeveless New York model in coral pink georgette embroidered with cornflower blue and gold silk, worn under a coat of the same material. The edge of the coat was finished with jabots and fastened at the waist with a blue pearl buckle. The ensemble was completed by pearl beige shoes and stockings and a black picture hat trimmed with large velvet flowers.

JAPANESE AND SHANTUNG.

STILL OPTIMISTIC.

FENG'S STRANGE ATTITUDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 30. Despite the sudden withdrawal of Feng Yu Hsiang's forces, official circles appear to be confident that no further postponement of the Japanese evacuation of Shantung will be necessary.

The Japanese War Office spokesman is of opinion that Feng's action may be beneficial to the preservation of peace, as the danger of friction arising from a divided authority will now be removed, as Chiang Kai Shek's troops will henceforth be alone responsible.

A Disquieting Note.

Hankow, April 30. Chiang Kai Shek has ordered Chang Fat Fui and Hsiang Tao Yin, together with the re-organized Hupeh forces, all of whom are at present in West Hupeh, to commence operations against Yang Sen and the other independent Szechuan Generals, so as to bring Szechuan completely under the dominance of the Government.

Liu Hsiang has already signified his allegiance to Nanking, and it is understood that he will assist the Government troops to root out the lesser Szechuan protagonists.

Hsueh Tu Pih has returned to Hoonan in order to report to Feng the result of his interview with Chiang Kai Shek. So far as can be ascertained cordial relations continue on the surface, but a disquieting note has been struck by the statement of a priest arriving from Sian to the effect that the roads from Tungkuang to Sian are crowded with Kuomintang troops, who are withdrawing from Hoonan and Shantung.

Chiang En Route to Nanking.

Nanking, April 30. Mr. T. V. Soong returned from Hankow last night. It is also learned that Chiang Kai Shek, accompanied by Admiral Chen Shao Kuan, left Hankow for Nanking by gunboat last night.

THE ATTACK ON KWANGSI.

NATIONALIST TROOPS CONCENTRATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Shanghai, April 30. It is learned that Nationalist troops under Chiang Ting Wen and Li Ming Chi are concentrating just below Hankow, ostensibly to march on Fukien province to take part in the campaign against Communists, but (it is reliably reported) they will eventually land in Linchowfu or Yanchow for a surprise attack against Nanning.

CHANG TSUNG CHANG ROUTED.

SHANTUNG REBELS TO SURRENDER.

(Nam Cheung Pao.)

Liu Chen Nien and Jen Yin Chi, in a wire to Nanking, reported that the rebels under Chang Tsung Chang in eastern Shantung having been lately routed, fled in all directions and that the rebel generals, Liu Kai Tai and Koo Chen, have dispatched representatives to tender submission to Government troops.

It is further reported from diplomatic sources that the Japanese authorities have not allowed Chang Tsung Chang to land at Daifeng. It is understood that Chang Tsung Chang and Chu Yu Pu have fled to Japan.

NINGHSIA STILL IN BANDITS' HANDS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

Shanghai, April 30. Ninghsia is still in the hands of the Mohammedan bandits. Feng Yu Hsiang has ordered his troops to launch a general attack upon the city and to recapture it within a week.

Shensi and Kansu troops have been rushed to the city, and will reach their destination in a day or two.

THE EX-WUHAN LEADERS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

Shanghai, April 30. Hu Tsung Tu, Tso Chun and Hsia Wei are expected to be in Shanghai on Tuesday en route to Japan. They will not come ashore.

JAPANESE MINISTER TO CANADA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 30. Prince Iyemasa Tokugawa, ex-Councillor to the Japanese Embassy in London, and adopted grandson of the late of the Tokugawa Shoguns, has been appointed Japan's first Minister to Canada.

THE SMALL-POX SCARE.

BOMBAY FIGURES SHOW DECREASE.

OUTBREAK IN U.S.A.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 29. Earl Winterton, Under-Secretary for India, stated in the House of Commons that the latest figures show that small-pox had declined in Bombay since the middle of March the number of cases having dropped from 142 in the week ending March 18 to 53 in the week ending April 9.

A circular had been issued to the shipping companies by the Port Health Department of Bombay advising the vaccination of all passengers and crews of vessels leaving Bombay, except persons recently vaccinated, and it was understood that this advice was being followed.

Indian Exports.

Asked whether any action had been taken by the Government of India to implement the recommendations of the Trade Mission sent out by the India Tariff Board to investigate and make proposals with a view to increasing the foreign market for Indian goods, Earl Winterton said the Government of India were considering the question of appointing Trade Commissioners at Alexandria, Mombasa and Durban.

Cases in London and U.S.A.

London, April 30. There are now 591 small-pox cases in London.

It is also reported from Middleboro, Massachusetts, U.S.A., that local health officials are alarmed at an epidemic of small-pox. So far 100 cases have been reported, but there is no suggestion that the epidemic is due to any contact with Europeans.

JAPANESE PRESSMAN ABOARD SUFFOLK.

GRATIFICATION IN TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, April 30. The vernacular newspapers are giving prominence to daily wireless messages from the Renzo Agency's correspondent aboard H.M.S. Suffolk, describing life on a British warship and the doings of the Duke of Gloucester.

Being the first time on which a Japanese journalist has been permitted to travel on a British warship, great interest is aroused and an excellent impression has been made by the grant of this unusual privilege.

Special gratification is expressed at the correspondent's account of how the Japanese flag was hoisted and other ceremonies held aboard the Suffolk yesterday in celebration of the Emperor's birthday.

The opinion is expressed that these courtesies will do much to cement Anglo-Japanese relations.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MARSHAL FENG.

COMPLETE REST FOR A YEAR ORDERED.

Nanking, April 24. According to private messages from Huashan, Shensi, received here by high Kuomintang authorities, Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, Minister of War, is seriously ill and unless he immediately takes a rest, keeping away completely from politics and other matters for some time, his condition may take a serious turn.

When Marshal Feng was at Huashan, he was examined by a well-known foreign medical man from Peking. It was believed that he had probably heart trouble, both of his legs being swollen. Owing to the serious nature of his condition, some missionary doctors at Sianfu, Shensi, were summoned to Huashan to make a further careful examination. It was the opinion of these doctors that Marshal Feng must take a complete rest for at least a year or two in order to regain his normal health.

Not Allowed to Leave!

Even the temporary absence of such a powerful figure like Marshal Feng from active politics may bring about important developments in the affairs of the country. It is, therefore, considered doubtful if General Chiang Kai Shek, Chairman of the National Government, General Lu Chung Lin, acting Minister of War and Chief of Staff to Marshal Feng, and a number of other leaders of the Government and the Party will allow Marshal Feng to take a complete rest, although the Kuomintang leader may need it badly. Informal conferences are being held concerning this matter.

It is also noteworthy that General Kuo Chun Tao and General Huang Shao Ku, who is the chief secretary of the Second Group Army Corps, have already obtained their passports to go abroad to study political and industrial conditions in foreign countries. They are expected to leave the country in one or two months.

HOUSE OF COMMONS INTERLUDE.

DULL MOMENT ENLIVENED.

PERSISTENT VOCALISTS EJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 29. During a dull moment, when the House of Commons were dealing with minor legislation, it was suddenly enlivened by an elderly man in the gallery shouting "Down with the Simon Commission" while he showered green leaflets to the floor of the House.

He was seized by a detective and left quietly, whereupon a woman arose and screamed "Down with the Simon Commission, down with the Government that starved the miners."

She tenaciously clung to the railings from which she was removed and taken out still shouting her denunciation and singing "The Red Flag."

The leaflets were signed by the London District Committee of International Class War Prisoners Association.

Later advices are that the inter-rupters are avowed Communists. The man is a gaugemaker and the woman is a clerk, aged 22.

In accordance with custom both were detained till the House rose. No charge will be preferred against them.

RAIL SMASH IN NEW YORK.

3,000 WORKERS IMPERILLED ON TRAINS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 30. Three persons were killed and 40 injured by an elevated train crashing into a rear tube train on the same track, in the Bronx district during the "rush hour" in the morning.

A wooden coach of the elevated train caught fire and firemen were obliged to raise ladders to the elevated structure.

They extinguished the flames in half an hour, after which the passengers, most of whom were hysterical, were removed.

Over 3,000 persons, mostly office workers, were aboard the trains at the time of the collision.

Several passengers collapsed on the track and had to be carried by the Police and firemen.

The accident was apparently due to an error of the driver of the tube train, who was killed. When his body was extricated, he still had his hand on the emergency brake.

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE IN GERMANY.

USUAL "MAY-DAY" OUTBREAK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, April 29. The authorities here are concerned with the approach of May Day owing to the communist agitators doing their utmost to incite the masses to demonstrate in the streets.

Posters banning all processions have been defaced by communists who are canvassing from house to house urging defiance to the police. Political passions are already high and have caused frequent clashes throughout the country. Communists have killed one and seriously injured two republicans. In Frankfurt on Main there has been serious fighting between Fascists and Communists, while in Freiburg the nationalists repeatedly interrupted a Polish opera company at Oppeln. They threw stink bombs and howled down the actors whom they later molested in the streets.

There have been similar anti-Polish demonstrations in Breslau and Berlin.

TROUBLES IN IRAQ.

MILITARY SUPPORT FROM BRITAIN?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Bagdad, April 29. A new Cabinet has been formed under the Presidency of Tawfik Beg Swaidi, ex-Minister of Education. A very significant appointment is that of Amir Zaki Beg, who was a Turkish officer in war time, as Defence Minister. He replaces General Nur, a strong conscriptionist, while Zaki, his opponent, considers the solution of the problem of the defence of Iraq lies in military support from Great Britain over a long period.

SOVIET SCHEMES IN EGYPT.

FAKE IMPORT COMPANY UNMASKED.

AGITATOR DEPORTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Cairo, April 30. The Egyptian authorities have unmasked a serious attempt by the Soviet to establish a centre for Bolshevik propaganda in Egypt, under the cloak of an agency called "Textile Imports, Limited," which the Soviet was allowed to establish two years ago in Alexandria to purchase cotton.

Subsequently, and after the arrival of M. Alexis Vasilieff as manager, the agency purchases of cotton declined.

When the agency engaged a certain Hugo Rudolf instead of a local cotton expert, the authorities made an enquiry, and soon obtained sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Rudolf and other Communists with whom he was in contact.

It appears that Rudolf really is Rudolf Pinnis, a brother of Edward Pinnis, the head of the Sovietplot in Constantinople.

Letters from there were found on Rudolf, proving that the main object of the Soviet cotton agency was to promote the cause of Bolshevism. Pinnis has been deported, and Vasilieff has left at the request of the Egyptian Government.

PRINCESS JULIANA.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

The Hague, April 30. The future Queen of Holland celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her birthday to-day.

Princess Juliana, only child of Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Hendrik, is still a student at Leyden University, and spent today hard at work at her studies, only recognising the occasion by a tea-party to her special friends.

She was kept busy, however, receiving the congratulations of her fellow students, and acknowledging birthday wishes from all over the world.

What the Prince of Wales is to England, Princess Juliana is to Holland. She is easily the most popular young girl in the country. Curiously enough, her mode of life follows that of the Prince very closely. She is a true democrat, refusing to take advantage of her station over the other students at Leyden. She travels third-class on the railways, and takes a positive joy in mixing with the general public.

Princess Juliana excels in many sports, including horse-riding, golf, lawn tennis, hockey, skating, cycling, boating, and camping. Rumours of impending engagements and marriages between eligible Royalties are always prevalent, and Princess Juliana is no exception. Ever since she was a child, she has been the object of much talk that her husband may be Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, although no official confirmation was forthcoming.

Prince Leopold, who is 22 years of age, is a great-grandson of Queen Victoria. His father, the reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, was the son of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, and nephew of the Duke of Edinburgh, who succeeded to the throne of that Principality.

Prince Leopold is at present devoting himself to study of forestry at the University of Hanover. Meanwhile Juliana continues her studies at Leyden, preparing herself eventually to rule the Netherlands.

HONOUR FOR GENERAL BOOTH.

GRATEFUL ACCEPTANCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 29. General Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, who has been made a Companion of Honour by H.M. the King, is 73, and has been seriously ill for many months.

On receiving the news of the honour this morning, he expressed his pleasure, saying this "gracious act of the King had cheered and rejoiced him very much. It was an honour not for himself but for the Salvation Army. He only wished he were in a better condition to make use of it."

BRITAIN PLAYING THE GAME.

FAVOURS DISARMAMENT.

WHAT CHINA MEANS TO DO!

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

London, April 29. In the discussion on land armaments, at the meeting of the Preparatory Committee on Disarmament, at Geneva, Lord Cushendun, the British delegate, said that it was quite true, as the French delegate had said, that the question of distinction between limitation and reduction had already been discussed and settled.

Nevertheless, it was very important to bear in mind the distinction between the two because if reduction were to be substituted for limitation in this convention they might very well be going beyond the obligations of Article Eight of the Covenant. Article Eight of the Covenant laid down that there should be reduction down to a level consistent with national safety.

One could not tell at present what nations, if any, had already reduced to that level. Consequently, if they were to insist upon reduction as well as limitation, in the present convention, they might very well be going beyond the obligations of Article Eight.

Britain's Work.

In this connection he mentioned that Great Britain had carried out consistently for many years a continuous reduction of land armaments. At the end of the War Britain had a very large military force, produced by compulsory service, which was an exceptional system for her. Britain immediately returned to voluntary service, but even on that small level, when compared with conscriptionist nations, had of course a very small army.

Britain had been continually reducing. In proof of that proposition he said that compared with August, 1914, namely with her pre-war Army, Britain had reduced nine cavalry regiments, 21 infantry battalions and 61 artillery batteries and, in the last five years, she had progressively reduced her military budget.

In 1925, irrespective of pensions, the British military budget was 364 millions sterling; in 1926 343 millions; in 1927 331.1/3 million; in 1928 324 million and in the present year 321.1/3 million. The last five years, Britain had been continually and progressively reducing her military budget at the same time that she had carried out a progressive diminution of her land forces.

Therefore, it was quite possible, though he did not assert it was so, that when the matter came to be decided by the Disarmament Conference it might happen that Britain had already reduced to the level required by Article Eight of the Covenant.

A Dreadful Threat!

The Chinese delegates, interviewed by Reuter expressed the opinion that China would introduce conscription if conscription were not abolished by other nations.

Mr. Britten Again.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, April 29. For the second time within ten days Mr. Gibson has played into the hands of French and British diplomacy, complains Mr. Britten, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the House of Representatives, in a statement attacking the suggestion regarding trained reserves. In his opinion, the slightest change of acceptance by the League Commission for many years, if ever.

Another Gesture.

Geneva, April 30. At today's meeting of the Disarmament Committee, Lord Cushendun announced that Great Britain would ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925, prohibiting the use of poison gas in wartime, provided other Powers also ratified it.

Lord Cushendun made a similar reservation on behalf of the Governments of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Irish Free State.

Dr. Riddell (Canada) announced that the Canadian Government intended to submit to Parliament a proposal to ratify the Protocol, subject to reciprocity.

Naval Effectives.

The Committee further discussed the tables annexed to the draft Treaty dealing with the maximum land, sea, and air forces, and decided to adjourn the consideration of the proposals as regards maximum Naval armaments.

The British Empire and American delegations accept the limitation of Naval effectives only if it is generally accepted, and a satisfactory agreement reached with regard to the limitation of warships.

The matter will be discussed when the American delegation produces its scheme of Naval Disarmament.

DANISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

PROBLEM OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

Copenhagen, April 30. Denmark's most interesting political event of the last two years will take place to-day when the country goes to the polls to elect a new Folketing, or Danish House of Representatives.

Since 1926, until early in March, the Liberals, who are better known as "The Farmers' Party," had been able to hold the reins of power in the Landsting, or Senate, by co-operating with the Conservative Party, but in March the friendship between these parties came to an end over the question of national defence. The result was a defeat for the Liberal Government, followed by the resignation of Premier Th. Madsen-Mygdal and his Cabinet, and the issuance of a proclamation calling for a new general election.

Party Strengths.

At the time of dissolution the position of the different parties in the House of Representatives was as follows:—

47 Liberals (Farmers' Party.)
25 Conservatives.
53 Social Democrats (Labour Party.)

16 Radical-Liberals.
2 Independent Conservatives.
2 So-called "Righteous State" Party.

1 Representative representing the former German districts which were given to Denmark under the Treaty of Versailles.

This makes a total of 149 members in the House.

Attempts at Compromise.

The question which precipitated the political crisis was a difference of opinion between the Farmers and the Conservatives on how much should be spent on Denmark's system of national defence. Before it came to an open fight between the two parties, both sides debated the question for several months while it was still in the hands of the Defence Committee. Premier Madsen-Mygdal and his supporters tried, but in vain, to grant the Conservative party concessions which would win their support. They agreed to raise the defence appropriation from their estimate of 40,000,000 kroner to 42,000,000, and the Conservatives, on their part, agreed to reduce their original demand of 50,000,000 kroner to 45,000,000. But no agreement could be arrived at to bridge the gap of 3,000,000 kroner between the utmost increase on the Farmers' side, and the utmost decrease on the Conservative's part. The Conservatives decided to put the question up to the voters of the country, and encompassed the Government's defeat by withdrawing their support from the National Appropriation Bill.

A Tactical Error.

The decision is believed to have been a tactical error on the part of the Conservatives, because from all present indications the Conservatives will lose a number of their seats to the Labour Party. The Farmers' Party may retain their present 47 seats, though politicians regard this as doubtful. The only apparent certainty is that the Labour Party, already the largest single party in the House, will gain several seats.

This belief is based on the fact that during the last year Madsen-Mygdal's Government has cut down all State salaries, with the probable effect that the majority of those who had their salaries cut will vote for the Labour Party in the hope of having their pay restored to its former level.

If the Labour Party gets enough votes at the election they will undoubtedly form a new Cabinet with the support of the Radical-Liberals. Yet even if they do come into power it is improbable that any very radical legislation will be enacted, because the Farmers' Party and the Conservatives will certainly still have a majority in the Senate, and thereby be able to stop any ultra-radical Bills coming up from the House.

Party Programmes.

The programme of the four major parties are as follows:—

Farmers' Party: Willing to vote an appropriation of 42,000,000 kroner for Denmark's system of national defence.
Conservative Party: Lower taxes, more money for defence, bitter opposition to experiments in State Socialism.
Radical-Liberal Party: Lower taxes, abolition of present army and navy, and creation of a coast guard and interior guard modelled on the lines of a national police force.
Labour Party: Abolition of all kinds of national defensive forces, but willing, if elected, to compromise on the Radical proposal for coast and interior guards.

The Radical-Liberal party is commonly known in Denmark as the Radical Party, but as a matter of fact, they are not Radicals but Liberals, as the term is understood in democratic countries.

GERMANY'S POWER TO PAY.

NEGOTIATIONS STILL HANG FIRE.

AGREEMENT DELAYS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, April 29th. The Reichsbank President, Dr. Schacht, made it plain during a two hours' conference with the Chancellor, the Foreign, Finance and Economics Ministers, that in the present circumstances a resumption of the Paris negotiations for the purpose of reaching a definite reparations agreement is somewhat improbable and premature.

He will speak at the opening of the Diplomatic negotiations on reparations.

It is understood that the closing report of the conference contains the unanimous German expert views on Germany's capacity to pay and her possible reparations payments.

DEATH OF LORD YOUNGER.

A NOTABLE CAREER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 29. Lord Younger collapsed in a West-End theatre. He was taken to hospital, where he died.

[Lord Younger of Leckie (the first Viscount Younger) who, as a politician was for many years better known as Sir George Younger, Bart., was born in 1851. He was Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire and Vice-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire. From 1886 to 1922 he was Unionist Member of Parliament for Ayr Burghs, defeating by a very narrow majority Sir Joseph Dobbie, B.S.O. He was the eldest son of the late James Younger, brewer, Ayr, Scotland, with which business he (Lord Younger) was also actively associated. Lord Younger was for many years one of the most prominent members of the Conservative Party. He was also a director of the National Bank of Scotland, the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Lloyds Bank, and the Southern Railway. He heir is his son, Lt.-Col. the Hon. James Younger.]

NEW LEADER FOR TAMMANY.

A MONTH'S JOCKEYING.

New York, April 29.—Mr. John F. Curry, Commissioner of Records of New York City, was today elected leader of Tammany Hall, the Democratic society which for half a century has maintained almost undisputed control of New York City politics.

Mr. Curry succeeds Judge Olvany, resigned, who was elected to leadership of the society following the death of "Boss" Murphy. Political jockeying to select the new leader has been under way for more than a month with district leaders appealing daily to Mayor James Walker and the former Governor Mr. Alfred E. Smith, the most influential members of the organization, to select Judge Olvany's successor. Mr. Curry was opposed by Martin G. McCue, leader of the Twelfth District Tammany organization, and Edward Ahearn, clerk of the municipal court.

Judge Olvany resigned suddenly March 15, following reported disagreements with Mr. Smith and Mayor Walker.

Telegrams in Brief.

The Appellate Court at Bloemfontein has rejected the appeal of the farmer Nafté against the sentence of lashes in addition to imprisonment for the brutal assault on a native servant, resulting in the man's death.

Fourteen of the seventeen persons charged with conspiracy in connection with the general strike on the South Indian Railway in July last year, have been found guilty and sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment. Those sentenced included the two strike agitators, Mahadad Sarjar and Singara Veluch Chettiar, who were arrested on July 24th last year.

The famous German racing motorist, Baron Wentzelmeu, with a companion was killed while racing at Stendal. He tried to avoid a cyclist and overturned with the machine ablaze. A spectator was also killed and several injured.

Lieut.-Colonel The Hon. George Frederick Stanley, C.M.G., M.P., the brother of Lord Derby, has been appointed to succeed Viscount Goschen as Governor of Madras. Viscount Goschen's term of office expires in the autumn.

TENNIS PROSPECTS.

GOOD SEASON PROMISED.
NEW SCORING SYSTEM.

In view of a particularly interesting Tennis season, it is worthy of note that instead of deciding matches by the best of 9 games, as hitherto, matches will be best of 9 sets.

Most Clubs will naturally attempt to lower the colours of the Chinese Recreation Club, who have been winners for three consecutive seasons in all the three divisions.

The newly-formed Mixed Doubles League, in which seven Clubs are participating, is expected to provide excellent sport.

The Tennis League Matches commence on Saturday, and a record number of Clubs are participating in the "A" Division. Club de Recreio and South China Athletic Association are entered for the first time and they are to be congratulated upon their sporting spirit.

As usual, any player who has, during the season, played twice for a Senior Division League Team is ineligible to play in the Junior Division. Men players in the Mixed Doubles League are required to be Members or Subscribers of the Club for which they play. All matches are fixed for Wednesdays and Saturdays, but in case of postponements the day may be altered.

By the latest decision of the Association any standard make of ball may be used in all competitions.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

Grimsby lost their League football match with Bradford on Monday, but they have secured sufficient points, whatever the result of their remaining match this week-end, to gain promotion to the First Division together with Middlesbrough. The following results of English League matches were cable by Reuters:—

Division I.		
Leeds U.	2	Bolton
Portsmouth	2	Sheffield U.
Division II.		
Bradford	1	Grimsby
Division III. (Southern).		
Luton	1	Torquay
Division III. (Northern).		
Barrow	2	Crewe

K.O.S.B. CORPORAL CHARGED.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

MATTER OF REGT. INSTITUTE FUNDS.

Before a District Court Martial (Major Todd, Capt. Gage Brown and Lieut. Vivian) yesterday, Corporal Charles Hendry of the K.O.S.B. was charged with converting to his own use about \$1,350 belonging to the Regimental Institute. There were fifteen charges to all of which Hendry pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy acted as judge advocate, Mr. R. A. Wadson conducted the prosecution on behalf of Capt. Perfect, the official prosecutor, and Mr. D. L. Strellett defended.

The first charge concerned a cheque for \$30.37, drawn by the President to pay for goods supplied by the N.A.A.F.I. The second charge concerned a cheque for \$115.56 which was cashed and the money used, it was alleged, by accused, instead of being paid into the bank. The other charges were of a similar nature and there were also counts of falsifying the books.

Mr. Wadson for the prosecution said that although there were fifteen charges, some were closely connected. In some cases the charge was that of embezzling goods and it was also given in the alternative form of fraudulent misapplication of money. It was important to remember that as soon as the cheques were cashed, the money was embezzled.

The charges concerning entries in the books were also closely connected. Evidence would show that money was received from other sources and the amounts given in other books. He would suggest that the reason was to make an entry where no entry existed on account of money being misapplied.

Mr. J. L. Ashworth, sub-accountant of the Chartered Bank, produced cheques which had been paid, drawn on various K.O.S.B. regimental accounts kept with Bank. The cheques were not paid into the accounts but came to the Chartered Bank from other banks after they had been cashed.

It is understood that about 20 witnesses will be called.

BANVARD COMPANY.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

The second of the three farewell performances on the return visit of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company was given in the Theatre Royal "Lido Lady," a lively comedy which went with a swing. An entirely "New Revue" will be given by the Company at to-night's farewell performance.

PIGEON RACING.

SEASON BEGINS AT HOME.

A POPULAR SPORT.

[British United Press.]

London, April 27.—A whirl of wings, a sudden darkening of the sky, and thousands of racing pigeons in all parts of the country were released from the baskets this afternoon in the first races of the year when the pigeon racing season in England, to continue until the end of September, opened at Crystal Palace, London.

Pigeon racing is a much bigger enterprise here than it is generally considered to be, according to Major W. H. Osman, formerly of the British army pigeon service, and one of the leading authorities on the sport.

"For instance," he told the United Press in an exclusive interview, "over a million dollars are won in prize and pool money each year in races. In London, alone, there are from 300 to 350 pigeon clubs, and many more in the northern and midland countries, where the sport is most popular."

His Majesty's Patron. "Since the war, pigeon racing has increased in popularity every year. This is due to the extremely valuable work done by the pigeon service during the war, in assisting aviators, keeping communications open, and in carrier service."

"The birds used by the service were the best in the world. In fact, so good were they that the American army purchased English birds to start a similar service in their own country."

Pigeon racing is mainly the sport of the working classes, although it has many distinguished patrons, including King George. The King has several first-class birds in his loft, and it is not many years since he won an important race.

Young untrained birds cost anything from £1 to £3, while as they prove their worth by winning races and prizes, their value increases. The record price paid for a bird was £205 in 1924. Their upkeep averages about £1 a week each bird, and while entrance fees are charged for the majority of races, the system of pools or sweepstakes, allows the owner to make a profit of many hundreds of pounds in a year with a good bird.

Phenomenal Speeds. The pigeons race, all distances, and some phenomenal speeds are achieved by them. They seldom fly at less than 30 miles an hour, while in favourable conditions they have been known to attain 70 miles an hour.

The most important race this year is the "Grand National," on July 8, from San Sebastian, Spain to England. The National Racing Club has guaranteed £300 in prize money, and the pool are expected to bring the total considerably higher.

This will be the longest and most strenuous race of the season, for apart from bad weather conditions generally, there are the Pyrenees to be crossed. It is remarkable that a comparatively small proportion of the entrants have ever been lost in this race.

Among other important races is one from the Faroe Islands to England, a distance of 700 miles, and another from Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands, also to England, in addition to numerous races from the continent, and from one end of England to the other.

KAI TACK CRASH VICTIMS.
ALL THREE NOW IDENTIFIED.

The three Chinese who were killed in the aeroplane accident opposite the Kai Tak Aerodrome on Saturday evening, have been identified. They were:—

Liu Chun (33), dye worker employed at the Yau Tak Shing works, Sheungshap, a native of Hongkang; and

Fung Woon (23), photographer employed by the Mee Kwong Studio, No. 1, Cheong On Street, Kowloon City, a native of Namhoi. The damage to the aeroplane is estimated to amount to \$2,000, which means that the machine is a total wreck. The damage to the huts is estimated at about \$250.

PETROL PUMP EYESORE.

"BRILLIANTLY HUED, UGLY AND VULGAR."

The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, speaking at a Save-the-Countryside Exhibition, held at Crotydon said:—

"We, who are a sensitive race, have established all over the country, brilliantly hued and vulgar petrol pumps which essentially are ugly. Pumps could, however, be erected which would perform their functions quite unpretentiously."

"Some countryside advertisements are so crowded that few people have either time or inclination to read half of them, and I believe that, in the long run, they represent so much money thrown away."

RAID ON DOCTOR'S HOUSE.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

STORY OF A COWARDLY GANG.

Two Chinese were before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of having attempted to carry out an armed robbery with three others at 80, Lai Chi Kok Road, Shamshuipo on March 27.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Detective Inspector Fallon said that the flat on which the raid was made was the residence of a Chinese doctor and his family. On March 18, a woman came to the flat, rented the front cubicle, and later returned with a man whom she said was her husband. On the night of March 26, the woman left the flat saying that she was going to the theatre. She did not return, but the husband remained at the flat.

Visitors Arrive.

The next morning, a man came to visit the husband, and later a knock came at the door and three more men were admitted whom the husband said were his *fohs*. After a few minutes conversation, they suddenly came out of the cubicle and held up doctor's family, who were having a meal. Two of the men carried automatic pistols, and two had daggers. The other man was unarmed.

Doctor Put up a Struggle.

The Chinese doctor put up a fight and shouted for help, and was stabbed in the head by one of the men.

The noise alarmed the robbers because the house was close by Shamshuipo Police Station, and they left in a hurry without stealing anything. Two of the doctor's sons gave chase, but the men got away.

Two automatic pistols, which had been thrown away in the flight, were found in the flat and in the cubicle were the daggers, and materials for gagging.

A report was made to the police, but nothing happened until April 2, when, acting on information, a Chinese detective arrested the first defendant at Yee Chow Street, Shamshuipo. Later in the evening, the second defendant was arrested at 70, Greiner Street, Shamshuipo. April 4, two witnesses picked out the first defendant, but only one witness recognized the second defendant.

Evidence of the identification parade was given by Mr. L. H. C. Calhoun, A.S.P., Kowloon, and the case was adjourned.

KOWLOON COURT CASES.

TRESPASSING IN BARRACKS.

A Chinese who was remanded on a charge of trespassing in the Hankow Barracks was fined \$7 or ten days' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty stating that he went there to see a friend.

Detective Sergeant Meadows explained that the defendant had been arrested to put a stop to the petty larcenies which have been going on at the barracks, and he wished this case to be made an example of.

Three Men in a Boat!

Three Chinese were fined \$50 each or one month's hard labour for staying away on the s.s. Cremer from Singapore. Two of the defendants were stated to have been found hidden behind some baggage, and the third on top of a ventilator in one of the holds.

Another Train Optum Carrier.

A Chinese who was arrested with 34 tacks of raw opium in his possession as he alighted from the Canton express at the Kowloon Station was fined \$2,500 or ten months' hard labour.

SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

PLAN OF KOWLOON TONG MARKET.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on April 16, comment was made on the inadequacy of the vote of \$1,500 in this year's estimates for the proposed market at Kowloon Tong, and also on the continued use of wooden chopping blocks in markets.

These matters were on the agenda of the meeting yesterday when Mr. N. L. Smith, presiding in the absence of Mr. W. J. Carr, suggested that it be left over for a further fortnight, which was agreed to.

The only other matter of public interest was the announcement that Dr. S. C. Ho would be retiring from the Board shortly, and another appointment would be necessary to the Standing Committee to which he was appointed together with Mr. T. N. Chan and Dr. W. V. M. Koch.

Besides the President, there were at the meeting the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. T. N. Chan, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E., Dr. H. A. Fawcett (M.O.H.), and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

SERIOUS SHANGHAI RIOT.

DAMAGE TO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"THE NATIONAL SALVATION" RIOT.

Shanghai, April 25.—The premises of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in North Soochow Road were stormed by agitators yesterday afternoon, and, during the fray, four persons were injured and had to be taken to hospital. Several were arrested.

The cause of the trouble was the ceaseless indignity to which officers of the Chamber say that they and the staff have been subjected by radical organizations, such as the notorious anti-Japanese Boycott Committee, which claimed the right to use part of the building as its own. The Chamber's affairs were thrown into confusion by this interference, and the Central Government was accordingly asked to give a guarantee that the officers of the Chamber would be afforded proper protection and that there would be no such troubles in future, failing which they would suspend business. This guarantee was not forthcoming so the Chamber suspended operations, closed its doors and yesterday's attack was the result.

The Rioters Assemble.

About noon yesterday, members of the National Salvation Society (formerly the Anti-Japanese Boycott Committee) and the Greater Shanghai Association of Merchant Unions held a meeting in the Third District Higher Primary School, an institution in the Temple of the Goddess of Heaven, next to the Chamber of Commerce, "to discuss certain matters."

After talking for an hour and a half the demonstration marched *en masse* to the gate of the Chamber of Commerce and some began to deliver lectures. The gate was closed and locked at this time, in accordance with the decision of the Chamber to suspend business.

As the soap-box orators continued to harangue the crowd, several members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, arrived and told them that speech-making was not allowed in the Settlement without authority. One man persisted in addressing the crowd, whereupon he was arrested and removed to West Hongkew Station.

The arrest of their comrade mad-dened the other members of the two organizations, who set up loud howls, demanding also to be arrested. However, after following the arrested man for a short distance, they turned back and decided to storm the Chamber of Commerce.

Wrecking the Chamber.

The front gate of the Chamber is an iron one and the demonstrators, finding it impossible to smash this, climbed over and rushed into the Chamber to the number of several hundred. Two Chamber's Chinese, armed with rifles by virtue of an agreement that the Chamber is considered Chinese territory, tried to stop them, but they were soon disarmed and got a severe beating. Their rifles were smashed and the attackers pocketed about 50 rounds of ammunition.

The hooligans then stormed the office of the general secretary and, in the confusion, a number of important documents were seized and destroyed. Others were lost or mixed up.

The attackers then turned their attention to the staff and a number of employees who had remained at their desks during the trouble were assaulted. Four were so wounded that they had to be sent to hospital. Other clerks, younger and more agile, climbed over the walls and thus escaped the fury of the mob. A bicycle belonging to an employee of the Chamber was stolen.

After being in possession of the building for more than an hour, the miscreants left.

Four arrests were made in all but, as these were in debatable territory, they were later released on instructions from the Police Headquarters.—North China Daily News.

ATTACKED BY HUSBAND WITH A CHOPPER.

WHAT THE POLICE FOUND.

At 6.30 a.m. yesterday morning a Chinese woman made a report at the Police Station to the effect that her husband had attacked her with a chopper and had wounded her in the temple and the wrist.

The woman explained that they lived on the first floor of No. 15, Pokfulam Road, and that she could offer no explanation of her husband's behaviour as there had been no quarrel between them.

The police sent the woman to the Government Civil Hospital and a party proceeded to the house, where they came upon the dead body of the husband with a deep wound in the throat. The man had evidently committed suicide, while the wife was on her way to the Police Station.

BRITAIN'S MERCHANT NAVY IN WAR.

PRINCE OF WALES'S TRIBUTE.

The Prince of Wales, as Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleet, has written a foreword to the third and final volume of Sir Archibald Hurd's book, "The Merchant Navy," which is based on official documents. The Prince says:—

"It has been my fortunate lot to be a world-wide traveller, and I have encountered the British liner and tramp, not only on every sea, but in many a port in both hemispheres. The sight of the Red Ensign has, in these later days, given me a thrill of a very special kind, for that familiar piece of bunting can never fail to recall the wonderful record of our merchant seamen throughout the struggle of four and a half years."

Pointing out that the volume raises the curtain on the climax of the drama of the War—the enemy's plunge into unrestricted submarine warfare on our merchant shipping, the Prince continues:— "Thus was provided the final test of a heroism and endurance unparalleled in history, and how magnificently our seamen responded to the test it is to be found chronicled in these pages. The participation of our seamen in the struggle began with the operations of the German raiders. There was nothing surprising or unprecedented in the destruction achieved by the Emden and other German cruisers and armed merchantmen in Eastern waters and elsewhere. Hostilities were conducted in harmony with principles laid down by international law, and, though many valuable ships were sunk, the toll was no greater than might have been expected, and not a single life of the captured crews was sacrificed. The British seaman recognized that nothing more was being asked of him than to accept the usual hazards of a naval conflict. It was a phase of the War, in short, in which the dictates of humanity were strictly regarded, and every reasonable consideration was shown to the passengers and crews of the vessels unlucky enough to be taken."

"Tremendous Odds."

"This phase, however, was short-lived. With the arrival on the scene of the submarine and the indiscriminate use of the mine the whole position for the merchant seaman was changed. He found himself faced by hazards and perils such as he had never before experienced, or indeed had ever conceived as possible. With the intensification of the enemy's campaign, the British sailor, a non-combatant following an ordinarily peaceful avocation, saw himself directly involved in the whole frightful mechanism of war, whose grim operation, as I have said, reached its climax in the phase of unrestricted submarine attack recorded in detail in this third volume of the history. Let us who are land-dwellers not mince words over this thing. It is the glory of our merchant navy, and will be so acclaimed by generations to come, that they faced without hesitation the tremendous odds and the frequent hazard of death, undaunted in spirit to the bitter end. Let us not forget, also, that had it been otherwise this country of ours must have perished."

"One highly characteristic phase of the work of our Merchant Navy, described in this volume, is that covering the activities of the Auxiliary Patrol. I imagine the most striking as it certainly was one of the most successful, of the many pieces of War-time improvisation which history will place to the credit of the British nation. It was born, as need hardly be recalled, out of those new conditions of submarine attack and indiscriminate mine raids to which I have referred, and it gradually evolved into a vast supplementary fleet. Here was, indeed, a medley of small vessels—trawlers fresh from our fishing grounds, drifters, whalers, paddle-steamer, steam yachts so well known in the Solent, motor-launches, and motor-boats, which the hazardous duties were as varied as their types. In their long hours of patrol they watched for and hunted German submarines; they fought for and dragged mines; they controlled hostile aircraft; they controlled and examined millions of tons of shipping navigating the narrow seas; and in many other ways splendidly seconded the efforts of the Grand Fleet. Varied indeed these crafts were in type, but their crews were animated by one heart, and one spirit."

Tradition of Centuries.

"As time went on this collection of ships was welded into a great disciplined service of 4,000 vessels, which its operations extending as far north as the White Sea, to the Mediterranean and Aegean in the south, and westward to the West Indies. The Auxiliary Patrol was in its days of complete development manned by nearly 50,000 officers and men. The figures representative of the full war effort of the Merchant Service as a whole would make staggering totals. Therein it was carrying on, and even bettering, the tradition of centuries."

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BERNARD SHAW "RELICS."

A WARNING FROM THE AUTHOR.

A few weeks ago Mr. Bernard Shaw wrote the following letter to the London Observer:—"In an article under the heading 'Books and MS. for Sale' in your issue of the 17th I figure as one of the authors whose waste-paper baskets are proving gold mines to dealers in relics."

"Now, it does not seem to me to matter, a rap to the purchaser of a relic whether it is genuine or not, provided he believes it is. But it may matter a little to the person thus venerated. If, for instance, a jawbone were sold as having played an authentic part in my platform eloquence, I should like it to be a healthy jawbone, and not one bearing evidence of diseases from which I have never suffered. If a manuscript poem, I should like it to be fairly up to my literary mark, and not to imply amatory personal relations which I have never enjoyed."

"Treasure" Worth Threepence!

"May I, therefore, beg my worshippers not to scramble to blindly for alleged Shavian relics? Otherwise they may share the fate of one of their number in America, who has just paid \$300 for a copy of Locke's Essay on the Human Understanding, advertised in the sale catalogue as profusely annotated and underlined by me. Before somebody else pays \$200, or \$2,000, for this treasure, I had better state unequivocally that I have never read Locke's Essay, and that I never disfigure books by underlining them, my practice, whether as a reviewer or a student, being to make a very light dot in the margin with the tip of a pencil, and note the number of the page on the end paper. When I make a marginal note, which happens perhaps once in twenty-five years, I write the letter 'r' and the letter 'r' in the ordinary way, and not as printed. The facsimile in the sale catalogue shows that the annotator of Locke used the printed form for both letters. In short, the \$300 treasure is worth about threepence in the book market, though intrinsically it is worth as much as, or more than, a commentary by myself."

"Mugging Up" Philosophy.

"Let me hasten to explain that the case is one of carelessness and credulity, not of deliberate forgery. The name of the annotator is actually written by himself in the volume. It is Horace Townsend, of Derry, County Cork. He was my wife's father, and he distinguished himself at his university, where, apparently, he was examined in the university manner in Locke, and had to mug up that philosopher accordingly. Hence the underscored passages and the marginal notes in his handwriting, which, I repeat, nobody with the smallest claim to expertise could possibly mistake for mine."

"A remnant of my wife's inheritance of the Derry library was sold when we left Adelphi-terrace and were compelled to unload an intolerable burden of books. Evidently the Locke volume went with the rest, which it would not have done had either my wife or myself ever opened it."

"I am sorry to disillusion its latest purchasers, and can only suggest by way of consolation that if the prevalence for relics continues it may easily happen that when all my own photographs are appropriated those of my father-in-law may command equally extravagant prices. Meanwhile, will dealers and collectors be reasonably critical and not repeat a mistake which only the prevalent mania can excuse?"

ATTENTION TO NATIONAL DEFENCE URGED.

Rome:—It is the duty of the Italian Government to take careful note of the state of the national defence following failure of the international conferences looking to world disarmament. King Victor Emmanuel said in his address from the throne at the opening of the new Parliament.

Voicing the policy of the Fascist Government, the King reviewed the international situation in some detail, indicating his belief that Italian defences should be strengthened on both land and sea.

Tradition of Centuries.

The Prince adds: "It has been said that two-thirds of the Elizabethan Fleet which met so triumphantly the shock of the Spanish Armada were merchant vessels, and that the proportion of the force with which Drake 'singed the King of Spain's beard' were much the same. The relations of the two great services have altered since those days, but the Great War has served to prove once more that the Merchant Navy is as essential to-day as ever it was to the operations of the Royal Navy and to the safeguarding of the life of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

NUDE SECT ON A MOUNTAIN.

NEARLY STARVED AND FROZEN.

BUT NO DEATHS.

The sixty members, men, women, and children, of the notorious "Zarathustra Colony" of nude sun-worshippers have been shut off from the rest of the world and nearly starved and frozen to death for seven weeks on the top of one of the highest of the Riviera mountains twenty miles from Nice.

The colony, headed by a German, Dr. Goldberg, are sworn to the cult of the nude, and go about their daily tasks completely unclothed. When the terrible cold period set in recently they were obliged to modify their spartan habits, and had recourse to blankets. But blankets were scarce, and during the arctic weather they suffered incredible hardships.

One Small Stove.

The colony possessed only one small stove, used occasionally for cooking. Bonfires were lit, and the sparsely-clad members, men, women, and children, used to crouch round the fires on their bleak and exposed mountain top.

They were able, with glasses, to look down into the heart of Nice, Cannes, and Capri-sur-Mer, but could not descend to replenish their scanty food supplies because of the ice and snow.

As far as can be learned, there were no deaths, for these nude open-air apostles have developed into a hardy race; but illness, caused by exposure, has laid many of them low.

The colony was founded three years ago by Dr. Goldberg, formerly of Berlin and Dusseldorf, in both of which cities he had trouble with the police over the practices of his strange sect. He also tried to establish a colony in Italy, where the climate was particularly favourable. He was expelled by Mussolini and he and his followers established themselves on a mountain top behind Tourrette in a tumble-down farmhouse, that had not been occupied for many years. The only approach to this locality is by a dangerous goat path. It takes two hours of hard walking to reach the site of the colony from Tourrette.

No Money.

"There are sixty of us living here as one," the German leader explained to a Press representative. "We have no money, no property and no marriage laws. The children have no family names except as sons and daughters of the Zarathustra colony. Nor have we passports or identity cards, as we have no nationality. We are creating a world within a world and all we ask is to be let alone."

An inspection of half a dozen children showed that they seemed to be healthy and normal in every way, but when I asked Dr. Goldberg if the fathers knew their own children he seemed to doubt it. But he assured me that the mothers were bound to look after their own offspring for four years, after which they were put into the colony's public school.

The members of the colony are mostly Germans, Italians, Spaniards, and Danes. One American woman spent several months there last summer.

Fodder Destroyed.

Ordinarily, two men garbed in blankets went down to the coast towns twice weekly to obtain the necessary provisions that could not be grown on the mountain top, but the cold weather and the exceptionally heavy snowfall this winter ruined even the carefully prepared household vegetables, killed the chickens and ruined the fodder for the goats and cows.

The members of the colony were forced to eat herbs and black bread, and even these were carefully rationed out. It was impossible to send members of the colony for provisions to the coast during the snow this winter.

Except in the most bitter weather, all the members of the colony go about naked, but a look-out is always maintained to warn them when strangers approach. Then they dash into hiding.

Goldberg, who is an unflinching anarchist, and one of his wives, put on blankets to receive me and serve tea, and both seemed perfectly happy.

\$1,500 PEARL MYSTERY.

THIEF CONFESSES.

A break in the crust of an uncut loaf of bread in the kitchenette of a flat, disclosed a pawn-ticket, which solved the month-old baffling mystery of the theft of a \$1,500 pearl necklace from a guest at the Belmont Hotel, Chicago.

Mr. R. M. Rederer, the guest, had ordered the necklace as a gift for his wife.

The reception clerk recalled that a fellow clerk had been standing near when the package was delivered, and the police, as a last resort, paid a surprise visit to his flat and searched it, in spite of the protests of his wife.

The clerk, confronted with the dramatic discovery, confessed.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET
REPORTS.Quotations at yesterday's local
market for rice and other foodstuffs
were as follows:-

Rice.	Per picul
Ching Ling Chee	\$7.11
Green Flying Dragon, Un- glutinous	6.79
Red Lily	7.16
Red Flag	7.29
Green Flag	7.29
Green Lion	7.24
Blue Lion	7.17
Red Seal, Granulated	6.53
Blue Bird, Unglutinous	6.87
Hung Sup Tz	6.94
Red Seal, No. 3	7.00
Blue Seal, White Broken	6.19
Ching Ng Fook, Unglutinous	7.16
Blue Grapes	7.63
Green Seal, No. 3	6.23

CANTON COTTON YARN
MARKET.A telegram from Shanghai states
that the price of Japanese cotton
yarn has fallen by \$1.50 while Chi-
nese yarns are steady, stocks being
limited. In Canton, the merchants
have bought only limited amounts
of Chinese yarns since the Japanese
boycott was lifted as they expected
the influx of Japanese to affect
the market. In consequence, there
have been very few transactions.
In spite of this, price of Chinese
yarns has risen by about two
dollars in the past two days.
Latest quotations are as follows:-

No. 6 Lion	\$195
Lion, the Second	184
Hut Hut	184
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	278
Golden City	270
Peacock	256
Lotus & Bee	256
Double Lions	255
Five Lions	255
Yan Chung	270
Tai Pak	270
Tak Lee	270
Excellent Crops	270
No. 13 Golden City	256
Peacock	256
Foo Kwai	250
Poo Yee	256
Tram-car	253
Pretty Damsel	275
Aeroplane	285
Tak Lee	295
No. 16 Globe	305
Foo Kwai	302
Yan Chung	302
No. 20 Golden City	342
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CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Water Works	\$3.90
Electric Light & Power	4.40
Canton-Hankow Railway	49
The Sun Company	98.00
Sincere Company	117.00
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.40
Canton Tramways	2.70
China Merchants' Steam	60.00
Navigation Co.	60.00
Central Bank of China	48.00

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Paris	124.15
New York	4.85 9/32
Brussels	34.94
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	62.63
Milan	92.47
Berlin	18.19
Stockholm	18.19
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.53
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.85
Lisbon	106
Bucharest	816
Athens	376
Rio	5 57/64
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/5
Yokohama	1/10 9/32
Hong Kong	1/11
Silver, spot & forward	25 5/16

HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

H.K. Bank	\$1.40 buy, 1.20 sell, 1.30/1.35 sa.
Do. London	213 1/2 nom.
Chartered Bank	213 1/2 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	233 nom.
Do. C.	215 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	23 1/2 nom.
East Asia Bank	230 nom.
Canton Insurance	185 1/2 buy.
Union Insurance	185 1/2 buy.
North China Ins.	185 1/2 buy.
Yonghe Insurance	185 1/2 buy.
China Underwriters	210 buy, 230 sel.
China Fire Insurance	225 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins.	272 buy.
Douglas	236 sel.
H.K. Steamboat	236 buy.
H.K. Tug	240 nom.
Indo-China (Pref.)	240 nom.
Do. (Def.)	240 nom.
Shell Transport	240 nom.
Union Waterworks	240 nom.
Espresso	240 nom.
Kailan Mining Admin.	240 nom.
Langkai (combined)	240 nom.
Do. (single)	240 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	240 sel.
Shanghai Loans	240 sel.
Rauhe	240 nom.
Tromp Mines	240 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	240 nom.
H.K. & W. Dock	240 nom.
China Provident	240 buy.
Hongkong	240 buy.
New Engineering	240 buy.
Shanghai Docks	240 sel.
Ewo Cottons	240 buy.
Oriental Cottons	240 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	240 sel.
Do. (new)	240 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	240 sel.
H.K. Lands	240 sel.
Shanghai Land	240 sel.
Humphreys Estates	240 sel.
H.K. Realities	240 sel.
H.K. Tramways	240 buy, 19.65 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	240 buy, 2.55 sa.
Do. (new)	240 nom.
Star Ferry	240 buy, 67 1/2 sel, 68 1/2 sa.
China Lights	240 buy, 11 1/2 sel.
H.K. Electric	240 sel, 28.10/1 sa.
China Electric	240 sel.
Sandakan Lights	240 sel.
Telephones	240 buy, 7.15 sel.
China Buses	240 sel.
Singapore Traction	240 sel.
Do. (Pref.)	240 sel.
China Sugars	240 nom.
Malayan Sugars	240 buy.
Canton Loos	240 buy, 1.30 sel.
Cementa (combined)	240 sel.
Do. (old)	240 nom.
Do. (new)	240 nom.
H.K. Ropes	240 nom.
United Asbestos	240 buy.
Dairy Farms	240 sel.
Watsons	240 nom.
Der. A Wings	240 sel, buy.
Lane Crawford	240 sel.
Mackintosh	240 buy.
Sincores	240 buy.
W. P. Pells	240 sel.
H. K. Amusement	240 buy, 29 1/2 sa.
H.K. Construction	240 sel.
S'hai. Indus. G. Bonds	240 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	240 prem. buy, 1 buy, - buyers; sel. - sellers; sa. - sales; nom. - nominal.

FLOORS CAKED WITH
CHOCOLATE.FACTORY INSPECTOR'S
ALLEGATIONS.Marshall, Martin & Co., chocolate
manufacturers, of Gayford Road,
Shepherd's Bush, were fined £3
each on six summonses at the West
London Police Court, under the
Factory Act, for employing six girls
continuously for more than five
hours without an interval of half
an hour for a meal.Mr. Joseph Owner, factory inspec-
tor, said that on February 20, an
inspector visited the factory and
found six girls having a meal at
2.30. From statements made to him
by the girls it seemed that they had
worked from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m. with-
out any interval for meals.Each of the girls, whose ages
were 14 or 15, gave evidence, and
some of them stated that on other
occasions they had worked the
same hours without a meal.Charles Martin, a member of the
firm, said that the facts of the case
were not disputed. They were very
busy on a special line, and so that
the machines should not stop the
girls were working later than usual.Mr. Owner stated, in reply to
the magistrate, that there had been
no previous conviction against the
company, but complaints had been
received about insanitary condi-
tions, long hours of working, failure
to have young persons employed
there medically examined, and un-
fenced machinery. A letter of cau-
tion had been sent to the company."I visited the factory two days
after the inspector's visit," said
Mr. Owner, "and I have never
seen food being prepared under
flicker surroundings and conditions.
The floors of the factory were caked
with chocolate in which the girls
were stepping and the utensils were
so dirty that I reported the matter
to the Medical Officer of Health."The girls were working there with-
out proper sanitary and washing
conveniences, and this chocolate
was being made in these filthy sur-
roundings."Mr. Marshall, imposing the maxi-
mum penalty of £3 on each of the
six summonses, said that it was
perfectly disgraceful that any em-
ployer should so neglect the health
and well-being of young girls in his
factory. Mr. Marshall also made
an order for 30s. costs.THE MODERN PARK
LANE.RESIDENTIAL LAND-MARKS
GOING.

WEST-END BUILDING BOOM.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

London.—The famous residential
land-marks of London are disap-
pearing. Park Lane is getting
more like Park Avenue every day.
The calm of spring mornings in
Hyde Park is disturbed by work-
men perched high in the steel
girders of apartment houses rising
in what was once a street of Peers.
Not a trace remains of Devonshire
House. Lansdowne House, will
soon pass away by the same route.
Dorchester House is again for sale,
after a plan to convert it into a
Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was
abandoned, and an option on the
property forfeited.Mayfair isn't Mayfair any more.
Ducal mansions have become hotels,
clubs, offices. One, Lancaster
House, has been preserved as a
museum. The immense town houses
for which London was once famous
among European cities will soon be
only a memory. The fashionable
West End is sprinkled with "House
to Let" signs. While house
wreckers apply their gentle art to
the Georgian palaces which must
give way to modern apartment
buildings, the New Yorker finds a
similar, and perhaps more drastic,
change in the complexion of Fifth
Avenue.

Saving Money.

Real estate agents predict that
the West End building boom will
continue even after the most ad-
vantageous sites, formerly occupied
by a few great town houses, have
been utilized. The demand for
flats at rentals from £300 to
£2,000 a year can not be ignored.
Buying up of entire blocks of small
residences is expected to be the next
move in the transformation of the
Wild West End. The people who
move into the new £2,000 flats will
be saving money, the real estate
men argue, because they will be
giving up their much more expen-
sive country places or town houses.
And, especially, will moving into a
flat be a saving if a family's re-
sources have been hit by the heavy
English death duties. If there are
few deaths in a rich family with-
in a year or so, the drain of death
duties makes it almost impossible
to keep up an expensive home.The newly rich in England are
demonstrating new ideas about
their mode of living. There is no
longer the great rush to buy up
country estates. This is left to
wealthy foreigners, and even many
of them try to get out of a bad
bargain when the tax assessments
start rolling in. People of means
are finding it cheaper to live in the
new luxurious flats, and at rentals
that would shock a resident of Park
Avenue. A New Yorker would
miss closets and shower baths,
among other things.Mansions close to the town house
of the Duke and Duchess of York
are being converted into flats.
Bute House is occupied by the
Egyptian Legation. Spencer House
is now a women's club. The
Dowager Duchess of Rutland is an-
xious to let her mansion in Arling-
ton street. Creve House, for a
long time the residence of Ameri-
can Ambassadors Kellogg and
Houghton, may come into the mar-
ket. Flats and garages have risen
on all sides of Shepherd Market.

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CHINA HOMEWARD
CONFERENCE.FREIGHT TARIFF No. 10.
DATED 1st MAY, 1929.

ADDENDUM No. 15.

PART 2.

THE RATE OF FREIGHT on
GROUNDNUTS, without Shell
is amended from Date to the following:-

Col. 1. Col. 2

Groundnuts without
Shells shipped be-
tween 1st May and
31st October, Per
Ton of 20 Cwt. ... 30/- N. 40/-

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929. [7715]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION CO. LTD.CONSIGNEES per Co's Vessel
"DARDANUS"
FROM NEW YORK VIA
SINGAPOREare hereby notified that the Cargo
having arrived per s.s. "PERSEUS"
from Singapore will be discharged
into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where
it will lie at Consignees' risk
and subject to Terms and Conditions
of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The
Cargo will be ready for Delivery from
Godown on and after 29th April.Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless Notice has been given prior
to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call
to which the option extends.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godown where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon within the Free Storage period.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 6th May, will be subject to
Rent.All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 20th May, or they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

29th April, 1929. [7715]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVI-
GATION CO.THE Motor Vessel
"ROMOLO" arrived from TRIESTE and Port
on 27th APRIL, 1929, and in
consequence of Fire on board whilst
loading at "Tungshing" Consignees
of Cargo are hereby notified that
a General Average has been de-
clared. It is, therefore, necessary for
the Average Bond to be signed, and a
Deposit of 2 Per Cent, paid on the
market value of the Goods on Arrival.
All Goods are being landed at the
Consignees' risk into the non-hazardous,
hazardous and/or extra hazardous
Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained. All
damaged Cargo will be examined by
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 1st May,
1929, at 10 a.m.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown and all
Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd
May, 1929, will be subject to Rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned
byDODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th Apr., 1929. [7703]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVI-
GATION CO.THE Chartered Steamship
"ROSANDRA" arrived from TRIESTE and Port,
on 27th APRIL, 1929, and in consequence
of Fire on board whilst en route to the
Far East, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified that a General Average
has been declared. It is, therefore,
necessary for the Average Bond to be
signed, and a Deposit of 25 Per Cent,
paid on the market value of the Goods
on Arrival.All Goods are being landed at
Consignees' risk into the non-hazardous,
hazardous and/or extra hazardous
Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained.
All damaged Cargo will be examined by
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 1st
May, 1929, at 10 a.m.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods undelivered after the 3rd May,
1929, will be subject to Rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned
byDODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th, Apr. 1929. [7702]

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the
HONG KONG WEEKLY
PRESS, July to December, 1928.

WITH INDEX, Price—\$7.50.

On Sale at the Hong Kong Daily
Press Office"TALKIES" IN
GERMANY.SYNDICATES' LEGAL
PROBLEMS OVERCOME.

AN AMERICAN SET-BACK.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

Berlin.—German movie specta-
tors, who have been denied the ex-
perience enjoyed in other countries
of hearing as well as seeing their
movies, will soon be given their fill
of the talkies. Legal difficulties
between the two German talking-
film syndicates hitherto had held
up general production and pre-
sentation of tone pictures in this
country, but now, it appears that
the recent agreement between these
two syndicates and similar concerns
in England, France and Holland
has straightened out the legal
tangle and paved the way for a
wholesale introduction of speaking
films to German movie-goers.By virtue of the same agreement,
however, the campaign of certain
American interests, particularly
the Western Electric Company and
the Radio Corporation, to market
their own talking films and pro-
jection apparatus in Germany has
suffered a severe, though not neces-
sarily a permanent, setback. Con-
trary to the impression obtaining
in Berlin and abroad, the American
and British newspapers at the time
of the signing of this compact,
well-informed persons in Berlin be-
lieve that the American companies,
through their various patent and
financial connections and exchange
agreements with German companies
and movie theatres, can still de-
velop a sizeable market for their
products.

Independent Firms.

Tonfilm, also known as German
Tobis, and Klangfilm are the two
German talking picture syndicates.
Tonfilm was composed, according to
the most reliable information avail-
able, of a group of minor, in-
dependent capitalists or promoters
who had busied themselves since the
creation of the syndicate last
August with the collection of all
the vital talking film patents they
could obtain, apparently with an
eye to establishing a monopoly.The same informants were of the
opinion that the Tonfilm syndicate
was more interested in establishing
its patent rights than in producing
talkies and had intended to dispose
of these rights to an American con-
cern. Klangfilm, on the other
hand, was backed by such leading
electrical manufacturing companies
as A.E.G. (German General Elec-
tric) and Siemens-Halske, and by
Telefunken, the German counter-
part of the Radio Corporation of
America.Both syndicates had come into
possession of "key" patents so that
neither seemingly could proceed
with the production of tonfilm ap-
paratus without reference to the
patents held by the other. In
January Tonfilm brought out its
first talkie, but it was generally
agreed that it was not very suc-
cessful. On February 8 the rival
syndicate presented four one-reel
talkies in a Berlin theatre, but on
the same day Tonfilm obtained a
temporary injunction restraining
Klangfilm from further presenta-
tion of these films.

British Phototones.

In the midst of the legal
manoeuvres came the announcement
that an agreement had been reached
for the alliance of all sound film
companies in Germany, England,
France and Holland. Parties to
this arrangement were Siemens-
Halske, the A.E.G., German Tobis,
Foreign Tobis, Kuechenmeister and
Meister, British Phototone, Ltd.,
French Phototone, Ltd., and a
group of independent American in-
terests, Siemens-Halske and A.E.G.
represented Klangfilm, while For-
eign Tobis represented the Tri-
estino syndicate which held the
rights to the tonfilm system known
as Movietone.Capital investments totalling
more than \$100,000,000 were brought
together by this fusion of interests.
Under the arrangement, Siemens
and A.E.G. will manufacture the
producing sets and other apparatus
necessary to the presentation of
talkies; the distribution, and sale of
this machinery as well as the pro-
duction of the actual pictures will
be left to the other concerns.It was explained that an ex-
change of stock between the various
companies was not contemplated,
the fusion consisting rather of an
agreement for the exchange of
patent rights and for closer manu-
facturing and marketing relations.

European Resistance.

This move was acclaimed as the
formation of a united European
front against the invasion of
American companies. It was as-
serted that it would break up the
Western Electric "monopoly" in
Europe. As a matter of fact, the
Western Electric Company had as-
sumed a dominant position in the
British Isles. It was partly to
offset this domination by a foreign
concern that Count Anthony H. de
Bosdari, managing director of
British Phototones, took the lead
in the negotiations to form a
European alliance.German contacts which ultimate-
ly may provide an entering wedge
for the American companies include
Radio Corporation's working and
(Continued on next column).LONDON'S NEW
LIGHTS.

DEALING WITH FOG.

EMBANKMENT PERILS.

London.—Victorian men-about-
town and their well-dressed lady
friends once gathered on the Em-
bankment, near Waterloo Bridge,
to marvel at an electric carbon
"candle" that sputtered and
buzzed and cast jumpy shadows into
the darkness of the street and the
Thames. The modern Londoner
will soon walk or motor along the
same Embankment in the blazing
glory of the city's new and great
white way.He may even ride on a "London
Gondola," one of the double-decked
tram-cars that buck and clang from
Blackfriars to Westminster. Em-
bankment shadows, for years typical
of London, will be dispelled by
powerful lamps suspended thirty
feet above the entire length of the
wide street. The poets will be dis-
pleased, but the tram drivers will
get a better view of the road on a
foggy night.

Speeding-up Traffic.

The entire lighting system of the
Embankment is to be overhauled.
It has been inadequate for many
years. The Embankment runs along
the river, but it is not com-
parable to Riverside Drive in
New York. Neither is it like
an ordinary water front. It is
the fastest short cut between the
east and west ends of London.
The trams run next to the river,
while two streams of traffic rush
along the wide road. A newcomer
to London takes no chances on
picking his way through the vehicles
ranging from "baby" motors to
immense lorries. The Embankment
has a back street location and a
main street movement.Traffic may be even speedier after
the new lights are installed. It is
already the fastest in London.Shadowy figures have always
haunted the spidery sidewalks of
the Embankment after the lights
were turned on upstairs in the
trams and the inadequate street
lamps cast a glow upon the river.
Advertisers have taken advantage
of the position offered on the op-
posite side of the Thames, where
huge electric signs tell of the power
of the press and Scotch whisky.
Down and out shuffles along with an
occasional murmur of "Give us
tuppence, guv'nor," while night
traffic on the river slips silently
under the Thames bridges. Once
in a while there is a splash and a
scream, which means work for the
people and the river patrol. Water-
loo Bridge is the Embankment's
favourite jumping off place.

Flower-Girls to Go.

London's rapidly changing street
scene threatens to eliminate yet an-
other picturesque class from the
traditional life of the city. It ap-
pears that the flower "girls," most
of them mothers or grandmothers,
must follow the horse drawn cabs
into oblivion. In the days of the
"growler" a fare had plenty of
time to buy flowers at any corner.
Nobody stops at the corners these
days. And many licenses to sell
flowers on a corner have been can-
celled, but the corners have been
cut out in reconstructed
streets.Flower selling used to be a
family business, but succession in
the business is dying out. Many of
the veteran "girls" advised their
grown daughters to go into some
other line. The good natural flower
sellers who shout "Pimrosees,
violetts, violetts, buy flowers cheap
for your lily today" are as much a part
of Piccadilly Circus as the pictures
of Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies in
front of the London Pavilion. Not
that the young ladies look anything
like the flower girls. The latter
are more plump, even though Mr.
Cochran tried to fatten up the
chorus for his new revue.London's flower girls have a
church of their own. St. Clement
Danes in the Strand. Mrs. Penning-
ton Bickford, wife of the Rector,
does everything possible to aid the
girls, and seeks help to preserve
their "pitches," as their corner
locations are called, when business
is bad and the license fees are due.patent agreement with Telefunken;
dio Corporation's film connec-
tions with Pathe, F.B.O., and
Keith-Albee on the one hand and
the latter's connections with
Emelka, a German movie company,
on the other; Paramount's and
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor's partner-
ship with Ufa, the leading German
movie producers and exhibitors.
Moreover, Western Electric is still
actively represented here by legal
and technical talent in its endeav-
ours to get a foothold in Germany,
and it has not allowed its negotia-
tions with Ufa for the installation
of one of its talkie projection
machines in a Berlin theatre owned
by Ufa to lapse. At the same time
Radio Corporation agents are like-
wise pressing forward in their cam-
paign.Whatever the outcome, the Ameri-
can interests are for the time being
at least anything but pessimistic.
Interviewed here recently, David
Sarnoff, Radio Corporation official,
said he did not believe the new
European combination would to
any appreciable extent adversely
affect or prejudice the position of
the American talkies in Europe.CRIME OF SIXTEEN
CENTURIES AGO.EXPOSURE OF ANCIENT
COUNTERFEITERS.BASE COINS NOW ARE
PRICELESS.Dr. Andreas Alföldi, who has
charge of the various collections of
old coins in the National Museum
of Budapest, has uncovered a case
of counterfeiting sixteen centuries
old. About a decade ago, the re-
mains of what appeared to be an
ancient Roman mint were dug up
in Hungary, or, rather, in that
section of Hungary of Pannonien.
The coins found at the same time,
and which were believed to be of
authentic mintage, were placed in
the Budapest Museum. Thorough
examination of the pieces has con-
vinced Dr. Alföldi, however, that
all are false and that the supposed
mint was nothing but a counter-
feiting mill.

Faulty Workmanship.

Ostensibly made of gold, he has
found that the coins are practical-
ly worthless. Moreover, the work-
manship is faulty in many places.
Some of the coins have the impres-
sion of a Roman emperor of the
2nd Century on the face and that
of a Roman emperor of the 3rd
Century on the reverse side.One piece has a gold coin design
on one face and a bronze coin de-
sign on the other. From this and
other evidence, the numismatist has
concluded that the spot where the
mint was found was once a small
settlement inhabited by Celts and
itinerant Roman soldiers and that
from this village counterfeit pieces
were circulated throughout the em-
pire.While these coins may have been
worthless counterfeits about the
year 330 A.D., they are to-day
valued as virtually priceless, because
of their rarity and antiquity.

CINEMA NEWS.

THRILLING EPISODES IN "THE
IRON MASK."D'Artagnan and his three faithful
friends ride again through adven-
tures of love, war and intrigue, in
Douglas Fairbanks' newest United
Artists Picture, "The Iron Mask,"
now showing at the Queen's
Theatre.Not for one moment does the
tempo of the picture relax its
speed. Scenes of courage, dare-
devilry, boisterous comedy, sinister
conspiracy and tender love follow
each other in quick succession.The first thrill comes with the
opening of the picture. While the
new born heir to the throne of
France, the tiny Louis XIV., lies
in his royal cradle his unwanted
twin brother is born and secretly
whisked away into hiding.The fight between D'Artagnan
and de Rochefort follows the abduc-
tion of Constance, D'Artagnan's
beloved. While her rescuers are
battering at the walls of the convent
where she is confined, Constance
struggles with Milady de Winter,
and meets her death at her hands."The Iron Mask" will be screen-
ed until to-morrow."The River Pirate" Coming to
Queen's.Victor McLaglen, whose acting in
"What Price Glory," will be re-
membered by all who saw the pic-
ture, has another strong role in
"The River Pirate," a new Fox
picture which may be seen at the
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large scale, haunting the drab coasts
of the water-front, slipping in and
out of dingy warehouses. Suspense
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and it is said that in the screen
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8 p.m.—Evening programme.
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SHANGHAI.—(Continued).

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Delbi, Gilman's, May 2.
Malaya, Manners', May 2.
Ninghai, B. & S., May 2.
Liangchow, B. & S., May 2.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Jitsudaira, B. & S., May 2.
Mrika Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Aeneas, B.F., May 5.
Sunning, B. & S., May 5.
Hangsang, Jardine's, May 5.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 6.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Perim, P. & O., May 6.
Fulda, Melchers, May 6/7.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.
Sphinx, M.M., May 7.
Szechuen, B. & S., May 7.
Washing, Jardine's, May 8.
Daishang, B. & S., May 9.
Kanchow, B. & S., May 9.
Teurung Maru, N.Y.K., May 9.
Linan, B. & S., May 9.
Tuyama Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Delta, P. & O., May 10.
Lycan, B.F., May 10.
Lushan Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Chaksang, Jardine's, May 12.
Sinking, B. & S., May 12.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Tikembang, J.C.T.L., May 13.
Fume, Dodwells, May 13.
Pres. Taft, B. & S., May 14.
Glenside, Jardine's, May 14.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Sauerland, Jebson, May 16.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
Canton, Gilman's, May 18.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Siam, Manners, May 20.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 20.
Sungshan Maru, N.Y.K., May 21.
Siam, Manners, May 23.
Venezia, Dodwells, May 23.
Tyden, B. & S., May 23.
Majapahit, P. & O., May 24.
Medon, B.F., May 24.
C'marthenshire, Jardine's, May 25.
Antiochus, B.F., May 28.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 28.
Oldenburg, Jebson, May 29.
Sarpedon, B. & S., May 31.

SINGAPORE

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Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Nagpure, P. & O., May 4.
Takiwa, B.I., May 4.
Antung, R. & S., May 5.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Athos II, M.M., May 7.
Kumang, Jardine's, May 7.
Kweiang, B. & S., May 8.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 8.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., May 8.
Cremor, J.C.S.L., May 9.
Ruhr, Jensen, May 9.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Kaiyan, P. & O., May 11.
Takada, B.I., May 11.
Tampa Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Anking, B. & S., May 12.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Afrika, Hammer, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 15.
Kra Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Nemsung, Jardine's, May 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., May 21.
Talanta, B.I., May 21.
Mores, P. & O., May 23.
Diomed, B.F., May 23.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 23.
Duisburg, Jensen, June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.

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Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.

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Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.

SWATOW.

Yatshing, Jardine's, May 1.
Huichow, B. & S., May 2.
Ninghai, B. & S., May 2.
Hsiching, Douglas, May 3.
Antung, B. & S., May 3.
Kiangnan, B. & S., May 5.
Hangsang, Jardine's, May 5.
Sunning, B. & S., May 5.
Waishing, Jardine's, May 8.
Limer, B. & S., May 8.
Kien, B. & S., May 12.
Chakang, Jardine's, May 12.
Kaying, B. & S., May 12.
Sinking, B. & S., May 12.

TAKAO.

TAKAO.
Sauerland, Jebson, May 17.

TIENTSIN.
Huichow, B. & S., May 2.
Chipshing, Jardine's, May 3.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.
Kueichow, B. & S., May 11.
Main, Melchers, May 17.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.
Esquilino, D'well's, May 3.
Rosandra, Dodwell's, May 23.

TSINGTAO.
Yatsing, Jardine's, May 1.
Sunning, B. & S., May 5.
Hanging, Jardine's, May 5.
Sander, B. & S., May 7.
Walshing, Jardine's, May 8.
Chungking, Jardine's, May 12.

Sinkiang, B. & S.,

Sinking, B. & S., May 12.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
VANCOUVER, B.C.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 11.
Exton, B.F., May 11.
Exton, States S.S., May 11.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 11.
Tyndareus, B.F., June 1.
VICTORIA, B.C.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 30.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 11.
Mishima Maru, N.K.K., May 11.
Exton, B.F., May 11.
Pres. Tait, Dollar, May 14.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 14.
Yip Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 20.
Tyndareus, B.F., June 1.

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 20th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
29th April, 1929. [7711]

"CLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "PEMBERKESHIRE" having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 5th May 1929, at 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 4th May 1929, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 80 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.** Agents.
Hong Kong, 28th Apr., 1929. [7704]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 4th May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before 20th May, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwritten.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 29th Apr., 1929. [7712]

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE
THE BEN LINE STEAMER
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FROM MIDDLESBRO', DUNKIRK, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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No Claims will be admitted after Goods have left the Godowns, and Goods remaining undelivered, after the 1st May, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwritten before the 15th May, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.
Hong Kong, 24th Apr., 1929. [7703]

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SWATOW, W'WEL, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN "HUICHOW" ...	On 2nd May, 10 a.m.
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AMOI, S'WAI, N'CHOW & DALNY "LIANGCHOW" ...	On 2nd May, 8 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "SUNNING" ...	On 5th May, 7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE "ANTUNG" ...	On 5th May, 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KIANGSU" ...	On 5th May, Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "SZECHUEN" ...	On 7th May, 5 p.m.
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK "KWEIYANG" ...	On 8th May, 10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG "TEAN" ...	On 8th May, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI "LINAN" ...	On 8th May, 9 a.m.
AMOI, S'WAI, N'CHOW & DALNY "KANCHOW" ...	On 9th May, 5 p.m.
WHEATOWN, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN "KUEICHOW" ...	On 11th May, 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "SINKIANG" ...	On 12th May, 7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE "ANKING" ...	On 12th May, 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KAYING" ...	On 12th May, Noon

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Wladivostok	12	29.00	759.4	49	...	S	4	b	...	...	29.86	753.5	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	11	29.72	755.0	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	S	1	...	...	...
Hokodate	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	W	6	...	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	ESE	2	...	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kochi	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	WSW	1	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	29.84	758.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	...	S	3	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.80	757.0	...	...	SW	1	...	...	...	29.84	758.0	...	...	...	SSW	2	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	W	1	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	29.80	756.9	68	38	S	2	o	6	...	29.78	756.4	56	63	ESE	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	29.91	759.6	77	50	ESE	2	b	...	...	29.80	756.9	59	85	ESE	...	...	...	...	...
Gutai	...	29.96	761.0	64	78	ESE	2	b	...	...	29.85	758.2	58	100	SE	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	...	29.82	757.7	68	77	NE	2	r	...	...	29.79	756.6	65	89	E	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.84	757.9	71	91	E	4	o	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	29.88	759.0	72	96	E	2	r	...	...	29.82	757.5	70	96	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihooku	11	29.91	759.6	79	...	SSW	2	o	...	...	29.87	758.7	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	29.89	759.8	86	...	SW	2	o	...	...	29.85	758.1	73	...	...	SE	...	...	...	...
Tainan	...	29.87	758.7	90	...	NW	4	b	...	...	29.85	758.1	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	...	29.89	759.3	81	...	SW	2	o	...	...	29.84	757.8	75	...	...	SSW	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	29.77	756.1	80	63	SW	3	o	6	...	29.77	756.1	79	85	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.76	754.9	...	...	SW	4	o	...	...	29.78	756.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.74	754.4	81	84	SW	4	o	...	...	29.75	756.7	77	94	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.69	754.1	86	78	SE	1	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.84	757.9	86	72	S	2	bc	...	...	29.83	757.7	76	95	S	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.65	753.9	82	77	SSE	4	o	7	...	29.70	754.4	75	...	...	ESE	...	...	...	...
Phu Lien	15	29.74	755.4	84	...	SE	2	o	...	...	29.78	756.3	81	...	...	SSW	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.80	756.9	90	...	S	2	o	...	...	29.85	758.1	79	...	...	SE	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.81	757.2	85	68	SW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	29.78	756.8	86	71	NNE	4	b	...	...	29.84	757.8	77	91	S	...	...	...	...	...
Aparrí	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.78	756.3	93	50	WSW	2	o	...	...	29.85	758.1	75	86	ENE	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.79	756.6	93	61	ENE	4	b	...	...	29.84	757.8	79	91	NE	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	...	29.75	755.7	93	57	E	4	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.76	756.0	86	68	ENE	2	o	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.81	757.2	...	...	NE	4	o	5.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.79	756.6	...	...	ENE	4	o	5	...	29.85	758.1	...	...	...	NE	2	r	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	90	81	SW	2	b	6	...	29.82	757.4	80	87	SW	...	...	...	...	...

April 30d. 10h. 24m.—Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan, and relatively low over China generally.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.69 inch. Total since January 1, 3.56 inches, against an average of 11.61 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 1st.

DISTRICT.

FORECAST.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... SW. winds, moderate; fair to showery.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks ...
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 30.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer ... 29.75	29.83	29.79
Temperature ... 80	82	83
Humidity ... 84	82	78
Wind ...		
Direction ... SW	SSW	SSW
Force ... 0	3	4
Weather ... 0	0	00
Rain ... 0.00	0.00	0.69

Highest open-air Temperature, 29.80
Lowest open-air Temperature, 30.79

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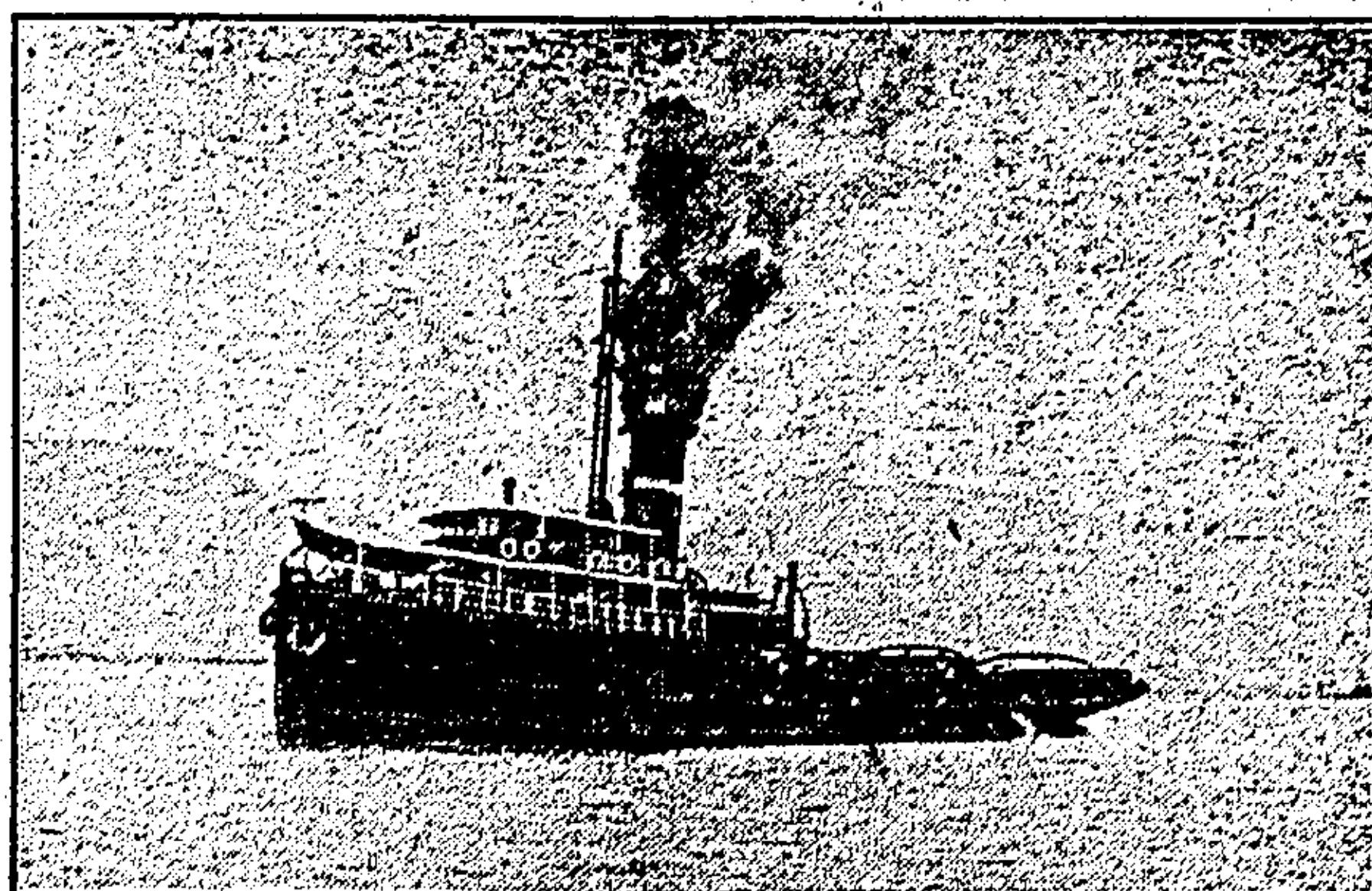
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"GUISANG"	Sun., 12th May, at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, S'WAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Mon., 6th May, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG" ... "NAMSANG"	Tues., 7th May, at 3 p.m. Mon., 20th May, at 3 p.m.
BANDARAN	"MAUSANG" ... "HINSANG"	Wed., 1st May, at 3 p.m. Thurs., 9th May, at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSANG"	Fri., 3rd May, at 7 a.m.
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Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF ASIA ... May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE ... June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ... June 28	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA ... July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPRESS OF FRANCE ... July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ... Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
EMPRESS OF ASIA ... Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
EMPRESS OF FRANCE ... Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ... Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA ... Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPRESS OF FRANCE ... Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ... Nov. 27	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 15
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News,
etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.IMPORTS 6,500 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
38,500 TONS.During the 24 hours ended at 9
a.m. yesterday the general returns
shown at the Harbour Office of
cargoes carried by vessels arriving
in Hong Kong were as follows:—

Cargo for Through Ports

British
Menelaus, — 5,187

Glenshiel, — 100, 9,000

Comliabank, — 400, 4,200

Antung, — 300, 2

Singapore, — 800, —

Yatsing, — 1,600, 18,469

Dutch
Cremier, — 636, 190Italian
Duchessa, — 636, 190Norwegian
Prosper, — 2,400, —Japanese
Atsuta Maru, — 1,145, 5,687Tokushima
Maru, — 524, 3,229

Lisbon Maru, — 11, 4,823

Chinese
Chung Kung, — 185, —

Tak Hing, — 60, 255

Macao, — 60, 255

Total, — 17, 12

PASSENGERS.

The following passengers left
yesterday by the a.s. President
Pierce for Seattle:—Mrs. F. R.
Davis, Master Frank Davis, Miss
Kitty A. Heid, Mrs. A. H. Lorber,
Mr. E. Otsuki, Mr. Benji Kops,
Rev. M. P. Arlandis, Mr. P. C.
Hord, Mr. F. T. Hord, Mr. and
Mrs. Crane Williams, Mr. Graham
Black, Mr. Robert Menzies, Mrs.
R. K. Wrey, Miss Alice A. Wrey,
Master R. K. Wrey, Mr. Chang
Wing Shing, Mr. Wei T. Beank-
ham, Mr. Lung Bih-bai, Mr. and
Mrs. Fong Yih, Mr. Jack Ho, Mr.
Leung Yan Po, Mr. Leung Man
Pak, Mr. S. G. Krikland, Mr. P.
Loureiro, Mr. Y. S. Shu, Mr. Y.
Olojinsky, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Head-
ley, Mr. and Mrs. Woo T. Shih.
(Continued on next Column).DAILY WATERFRONT
NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

The mistress of a passenger boat
appeared before the Hon. Comdr.
G. F. Holo, R.N., for unlawfully
carrying cargo on her craft. De-
fendant pleaded guilty and a fine
of \$10 or "10 days" was imposed.For carrying 18 passengers in
excess of the number allowed by
his license the master of a coolie
boat was fined \$50 with the alter-
native of "3 weeks."Another master of a coolie boat
had 30 passengers in excess. He
was also fined \$50 or "3 weeks."Low Man, the owner of the steam
launch failed to have on board the
number of life belts as required by
Sec. 37 sub. sec. 2 of Ord. 10 of
1899. Defendant pleaded guilty
and was fined \$100 or in default
six weeks.A Chinese coolie boarded the
Shingo Maru on 29th inst. The
Chief Officer objected as he (the
coolie) had no permit. He was ac-
cordingly fined \$10. If this is not
paid accused will have "do" 10
days.The master of Chuen Chow on
pleading guilty to not having
entered his ship at the Harbour
Office within the specified time was
fined \$50 or three weeks.Mr. Leo D'Almada, who ap-
peared for Chow Jar Ho, the manager
of the Sai Nam S.S. Co. who
was recently fined \$1,000 for inter-
fering with the Chief Officer of
the Charles Hardouin while the
vessel was under way, applied for
a re-hearing of the case.

The case was remanded sine die.

Deaths at Sea.

Two deaths at sea were reported
by the master of the Seistan from
Singapore and Hoihow when the
vessel arrived on 29th ult.

Dangerous Goods.

The Atsuta Maru had on board
54 tons Turpentine, etc. The
vessel arrived on 29th ult. from
Singapore and Middlesbrough.Twenty-five tons sulphuric acid
for Hong Kong and thirty-two
tons for through ports were record-
ed in the manifest of the
Tokushima Maru from Japan.

Passenger Traffic for the Week

Ending, April 27, 1929.

Ocean Goings, — 13,184, 15,660

River steamers, — 24,250, 24,206

Junks and launches, — 437, 397

Total, — 37,921, 40,397

CLEARANCES.

April 30.

Chipshing, for Canton.

Dessau, for Singapore.

Duchessa D'Aosta, for Singapore.

Emp. of Russia, for Shanghai.

Glenshiel, for Singapore.

Haiyang, for Swatow.

Ka Heng, for K. C. Wan.

Kuramasan Maru, for Whampoa.

Lisbon Maru, for Shanghai.

Mandassan Maru, for Hongay.

Menelaus, for Singapore.

Perseus, for Shanghai.

Pronto, for Swatow.

Shingo Maru, for Shanghai.

Tokushima Maru, for Singapore.

Tsang Woo, for Saigon.

Yatsing, for Swatow.

ARRIVALS.

April 29.

Duchessa D. Aosta, Italian str.,
4,884 tons, Capt. M. Verbas,
from Shanghai, buoy No. A4—
Dodwell & Co.Lisbon Maru, Japanese str., 4,307
tons, Capt. Jutaro Etizawa,
from Iloilo, buoy No. A25—
N.Y.K.

April 30.

Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt.
F. Morvan, from Haiphong,
buoy No. C48—M.M. Co.Chung Kung, Chinese str., 447 tons,
Capt. Kwok Shau, from
Tourane, buoy No. C42—Yau
Lee & Co.Cramer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons,
Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from Sin-
gapore, buoy No. A6—J.C.J.L.Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,292
tons, Capt. T. Yamamoto, from
Canton, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.Dessau, German str., 4,118 tons,
Capt. K. V. Parpart, from
Shanghai, buoy No. O1—J. M.
& Co.Glenshiel, British str., 6,503 tons,
Capt. P. L. Sanders, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A1—J. M.
& Co.Kuramasan Maru, Japanese str.,
1,133 tons, Capt. J. Odawara,
from Keelung, Yaumati Wharf.
—M.B.K.Menelaus, British str., 6,293 tons,
Capt. W. H. Probert, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A2—B. &
S.Nanning, British str., 1,505 tons,
Capt. E. H. Histed, from
Dairen, buoy No. C37—B. & S.Ninghai, British str., 1,452 tons,
Capt. W. Poplow, from Amoy,
buoy No. B12—B. & S.Ranelagh, British str., 3,372 tons,
Capt. F. J. Papple, from Balik-
papan, North Point—A.P.C.Tjibodas, Dutch str., 2,749 tons,
Capt. J. Watering, from Swa-
tow, buoy No. A10—J.C.J.L.Tjongsdadi, Dutch str., 5,019 tons,
Capt. W. Wefde, from Muntok,
buoy No. A5—J.C.J.L.Tokushima Maru, Japanese str.,
2,702 tons, Capt. K. Mitsui,
from Yokohama via Ports,
No. 3 Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.Wai Shing, British str., 1,170 tons,
Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from
Saigon, buoy C13—J. M. & Co.Yat Shing, British str., 1,424 tons,
Capt. P. Jowitt, from Canton,
buoy No. B32—J. M. & Co.

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Yatsing, for Swatow.

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The following vessels brought
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Seistan (Br.) S'pore, Hoihow 238

Ninghai (Br.) S'hai, Amoy 3

Cramer (Dut.) B. Deli, S'pore 2,053

Prosper (Nor.) Saigon 454

Atsuta Maru (Japanese) 14

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"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	8th May	Straits, Colombo, B'bay, A'werp, R'dm.
"KALYAN"	5,144	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBIA"	10,963	15th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"LAHORE"	5,232	1st June	Manila, L'don, A'werp, R'dm, B'bay.
"DELTA"	5,097	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"JYPORE"	5,318	15th June	Manila, L'don, A'werp, R'dm, B'bay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,956	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.
"PERIM"	7,448	29th June	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	5,005	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MIRZAPORE"	5,715	9th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	19th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"BANPURA"	16,901	26th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	2nd Aug.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHYBER"	5,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	5,983	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOREA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	29th Sept.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MIRZAPORE"	5,715	2nd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	9th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARMALA"	9,125	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	23rd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	5,144	28th Oct.	Marseilles and London.

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